



SCHOOLS SHAKE-UP WORRIES



Councillor Peter Lewis

Report by Pam Kingsley

CONTROVERSIAL changes to education in North Powys could divide communities, reduce the use of the Welsh language and create an exodus of people leaving the area, worried councillors have said.

Powys County Council is looking to restructure education in the region as part of wider cost-cutting measures.

It has suggested changes to two bilingual schools – Llanfyllin, which takes children from the Oswestry area but risks losing its Welsh education stream, and Llanfair Caereinion, which could become all Welsh. But councillors raised concerns over the plans, contained in a report by outside consultants Sbectrwm, at a council cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

Councillor Peter Lewis, who represents Llanfyllin, said the Sbectrwm report was “artificial social engineering” and that any changes would see children having to choose whether or not to commute up to an hour each way to school.

He said: “The report says 605 pupils are being educated in Welsh medium at secondary school. How many of them will continue in Welsh medium if their journey time is more than an hour? Therefore most Welsh communities in Powys will see their children switching to English education.”

“North east Powys is unique with Welsh communities on the English border. It’s well known that Oswestry has more Welsh speakers than there are in Welshpool due to the success of dual stream education in the area. More people are speaking Welsh and this should be celebrated.”

“Dual stream education is a success in north Powys. Take it out and you ruin what you’ve achieved at primary level. The idea of making young people choose between their community or their culture is fundamentally wrong. The price is too high.”

Banwy Councillor Myfanwy Alexander said: “It is completely unrealistic that a community that has been bilingual since the late Middle Ages should become all Welsh.”

“If there is a community in North Powys with 80 per cent Welsh speakers then that is the appropriate place for a Welsh medium school, but our areas are still mixed.”

“The future of the Welsh language in north Wales depends on retaining it in the community.”

“If it becomes an elite language where only the people who are bussed away will receive Welsh language education then it will die out.”

Cabinet members unanimously agreed to note the report, agreed that it is desirable to establish a Welsh medium school in North Powys and ordered a business case to be produced.

The public will be asked for its views, once the business plan is in place and if the cabinet agrees to move forward towards a Welsh medium school.

Hospital boss resigns from her position

OSWESTRY Orthopaedic Hospital’s chief executive has resigned.

Wendy Farrington Chadd offered her resignation as head of the hospital’s trust with immediate effect.

John Grinnell, the trust’s director of finance, has taken up the post of acting chief executive.

Mrs Farrington Chadd said her reasons for leaving were personal. She said after working at the hospital for eight years she felt the time was right to look for a new challenge.

Mrs Farrington Chadd added: “This was not a decision I have taken lightly. I am proud of everything that the trust has achieved during my time as its CEO and am sure that it will continue to go from strength to strength.” Under her stewardship the hospital gained foundation trust status and embarked on a multi-million pound expansion plan, while maintaining high levels of patient satisfaction and clinical care.

The hospital was investigated in June by the health regulator Monitor which said it was concerned that some patients had been waiting longer than the 18-week national target for procedures.

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Lidl’s store plan is given permission

UP to 50 new jobs could be created in Oswestry after a new Lidl supermarket was given planning permission.

The discount retailer has been given the go-ahead to build on the site of the JT Hughes car dealership in Victoria Road on the edge of the town, creating the equivalent of 20 full-time jobs.

And further jobs will be created as the plans also include three other shops on the site, including a Pets at Home store.

Peter Lloyd, the secretary of the Trinity Residents’ Association, had submitted objections on behalf of the group over traffic concerns. In particular the group was concerned about traffic movements, on-street parking pressures and the use of the residential roads as alternatives to the main routes. But to alleviate these issues, Lidl has agreed to put traffic signals at the junction of Victoria Road and Shrewsbury Road, outside the store location, which it says should help improve the traffic situation in the area.

JT Hughes is to relocate to another, larger, site elsewhere in the town.

Lampshade firm is a real shining light



Lisa Rigley’s vintage lampshades have been used on popular programmes on television and are about to hit the big screen

Big screen delight

IT may be hidden away near Oswestry – but millions of people see exactly what is produced in this workshop every week.

For Lisa Rigley and her team make vintage lampshades which are used in hit television shows including Downton Abbey and Mr Selfridge. Tucked away in The Old Chapel in Whitehurst, near Chirk, the business is hard to spot.

But Mrs Wrigley says the power of the internet has seen the firm become popular among set designers.

Now the company’s work is set to hit the big screen for the first time, with a range of its products on show in the new James Bond film, Spectre. Mrs Rigley, who took over the

running of the firm in 1984 from her mother, said: “We are based in a former chapel, quite hidden away near Chirk Castle.”

“We have produced items for Downton, Mr Selfridge and now we have just done Spectre, the new James Bond film.”

“We are hidden away here really but we have a good online presence and that’s what counts these days.”

“You don’t need to be on a high street any more.”

“We were obviously very pleased to be asked to make items for Downton and the others.”

The firm has also made items for stars such as Rihanna and Adele to use on stage.

BUSINESS

Town companies scoop top prizes at awards evening

SUCCESSFUL businesses in Welshpool are celebrating bringing millions of pounds into the local economy, from employing staff to attracting visitors.

No less than three town businesses took major titles in this year’s Powys Business of the Year awards – an indication of how the economy is growing.

Invertek Drives, a world leader in the design and manufacture of variable frequency drives to control electric motors, was named Powys Business of the Year.

Great Escape and Fitness spa and gym in Welshpool won best start-up business.

And Daphne and Phillip Jones, owners of Penllwyn Lodges, Lakeside Golf Club and Restaurant and Argae Hall Caravan Park at Garthmyl, near Welshpool, were named best entrepreneurs.

Invertek Drives employs 190 people worldwide, including more than 150 at its Welshpool headquarters and has doubled its turnover to £22 million in the last five years. The firm collected the coveted overall award, together with the award for development of new markets in the UK or export, at the annual awards dinner organised by Mid Wales Manufacturing Group and sponsored by Powys County Council. The company’s international sales manager Wayne Morris said: “Invertek Drives has grown from a very small endeavour to become one of the world’s leading manufacturers of variable frequency drives.”

ENTERTAINMENT

Driver Webber to meet fans at event

HE is one of the fastest men on Earth, but former Formula One driver Mark Webber will be slowing down to meet fans in Oswestry next month.

Webber will be visiting the town on November 11 to meet fans, sign copies of his new autobiography and share stories about his career.

The visit has been organised by Oswestry’s Booka Bookshop. The event will take place at The Marches School. Doors open at 6.30pm and the event will start at 7pm. Tickets for the event cost £20, which includes a signed hardback copy of the book. Places should be booked in advance by calling into Booka Bookshop, Church Street, Oswestry, or calling (01691) 662244.

CAMPAIGN

Traders are focus of special feature

THE hard work of traders on Oswestry’s markets is the focus of a special feature in this week’s Oswestry and Border Chronicle.

The feature is part of the Chronicle’s We Mean Business campaign which promotes Oswestry’s innovation and enterprise and champions the town’s businesses. And don’t miss our regular weekly We Mean Business editorial profile.

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Hillfort campaigners hit out at 'double standards'

Report by Pam Kingsley

CAMPAIGNERS fighting plans to build houses near Old Oswestry Hillfort have accused authorities of double standards after they opposed a similar proposal in the south of Shropshire.

The Hands Off Old Oswestry Hillfort group members said they were "dumbfounded" to hear that Shropshire Council's conservation department and Historic England have objected to development skirting Caer Caradoc hillfort near Church Stretton, but have signed an outline agreement in Shropshire's SAMDev local development plan for 117 houses near Old Oswestry hillfort, known as OSW004.

Maggie Rowlands, spokeswoman for the group, said: "We are encouraged that strong objections are being made in defence of these wonderful historic assets and rural landscape in Church Stretton. But the same arguments can and should be applied in the case of Old Oswestry given its widely-accepted national if not international significance."

"We were dumbfounded when we saw the objections that were lodged against the development at Caer Caradoc when both organisations gave their approval to the housing in Oswestry, despite fresh acknowledgement from leading academics of its national importance."

Shropshire Council conservation officer, Berwyn Murray, has argued that an application for 85 homes at Caer Caradoc will impact the hillfort and valley as well as a nearby Grade II listed 18th century farmhouse. In his objection he cites concerns that the proposed development will "urbanise the currently open and agricultural wider setting." John Yates, an inspector for Historic England, has also objected, saying that the hillfort would be "closer to the suburbs, and less rural" if the housing goes ahead.

Shropshire Council has said that it does not accept that the proposed OSW004 development would result in substantial harm to the significance of the hillfort, and said that the sensitivity of the Old Oswestry Hillfort and its setting have been recognised throughout the local plan-making process. The SAMDev plan is undergoing examination by inspector Claire Sherratt. She is expected to submit her final recommendations to Shropshire Council in the next few weeks.

Fundraising event produces a grand result



Jill Lloyd, Betty Bromley, Rhiannon Jones, Alma Bromley and Philip Bromley hand over £1,157 to Warren Appleby from the British Heart Foundation

AN afternoon of music has raised more than £1,000 for the British Heart Foundation.

The event, organised by Betty Bromley MBE and her team of fundraisers, was held at The Marches School in Oswestry.

Music came from organist Tony Stace and young soloist Megan Keaveny.

It was the latest in years of fundraising events put on by Mrs Bromley, who has raised well over £80,000 for charitable causes during her life.

Warren Appleby, British Heart Foundation fundraising manager for Shropshire who attended the evening, said: "Betty and her team have served up years of wonderful music evenings with meticulous planning and determination to succeed. We are so appreciative of their immense community involvement."

He added: "Coronary heart disease is the UK's single biggest killer. For over 50 years we've pioneered research that's transformed the lives of people living with

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Man jailed for having illegal gun

A MAN banned from keeping firearms who bought himself a shotgun from a car boot sale, has been jailed for eight months.

The shotgun and air rifle were found lying around when police went to the home of 37-year-old Gareth Williams in Priest Weston, Montgomery, for an unrelated inquiry.

Williams admitted at an earlier court hearing being in possession of a shotgun without a shotgun certificate and resisting a police officer in the execution of his duty. Howard Searle, prosecuting, said police went to Williams's house at about 6am on February 3.

Williams became obstructive and was handcuffed, after which he became aggressive, the court heard.

When officers searched his home they found a 4/10 shotgun and an air rifle although there was no ammunition in the house.

Williams was banned from keeping a shotgun after an offence in 2000.

Paul Smith for Williams said his client had bought the shotgun at a car boot sale. "He is a country person and wanted the shotgun and air rifle for vermin control," Mr Smith said.

Judge Robin Onions said that Williams must have known he needed a licence for a shotgun. He said although there had been no ammunition in the house the gun was capable of being fired.

Pair arrested over abduction claim

A COUPLE were arrested on suspicion of abducting a child from outside a school on the Shropshire border.

The 32-year-old man and a 28-year-old woman, both from the Bristol area, were arrested after a young boy was reportedly taken from outside Llandysilio County School in Four Crosses.

The incident happened at 8.30am last Wednesday while the boy was in the company of a family member. The school took immediate action and reported the incident to the police.

Dyfed-Powys Police spokeswoman Sian George said: "The inquiry came to a swift conclusion and we can confirm that the child in question is safe and well and has been returned to his father.

"Both people arrested at the time have been released without charge and there will be no further action taken."

Attacker receives custodial sentence

A MAN who stepped in as peacemaker to stop a fight was rewarded with a fractured cheekbone.

The punch came from Kyle Stephenson, a former promising footballer who is now behind bars for the attack.

Stephenson was sentenced to a 10-month order in a young offenders' institute for attacking two men in Oswestry.

Stephenson of College Road,

Oswestry, had admitted assault causing grievous bodily harm and assault by battery at a previous hearing. Last week he appeared for sentence at Shrewsbury Crown Court.

Howard Searle, prosecuting, said the attack happened on December 14 at about 4am in Oswestry town centre.

Stephenson, who had been drinking, and another man, who has never been apprehended, was involved in the disturbance.

They set on their first victim and a female.

Mr Searle told the court that the victim was attacked by both men and suffered punches to his face.

The second victim then tried to act as a peacemaker to separate the parties, urging them to stop fighting.

Mr Searle told the court: "Stephenson punched his left cheek before walking off."

He was later arrested and admitted his involvement.

But he refused to name the other man, opting instead to take the full punishment alone. The court heard the second victim's injuries were so serious that he needed surgery.

Paul Smith, for Stephenson, said his client was a hard worker who had lost a promising career as a footballer through injury.

Karting centre is back on track after big fire

Report by Sue Austin

A KARTING centre which was destroyed in a fire is back on track.

The owners and staff at Rednal Karting near Oswestry were left devastated by a blaze that ripped through its headquarters on the Rednal Industrial Estate in August.

Temporary buildings have been brought in and replacement karts loaned so the complex can continue to operate.

Mike Rees, who the day after the fire pledged to rebuild the business, said brand new karts had been ordered and it was hoped that a new, permanent building could be built by Easter.

He said he had been humbled by the good wishes and offers of help from the public.

"Customers who we had to cancel after the fire have rebooked and we have had lots of new bookings," he said.

"The offers of help we had from members of the public were incredible."

"We even had people who had been expecting to come and race with us on the weekend of the fire offer their help instead in cleaning up the site. The company that is building our new karts, which we hope will arrive in the next few weeks, have loaned us karts for the time being."

One of the biggest casualties of the fire was a Ginetta race car owned by one of the managers of the complex, Tom Wrigley, which was completely destroyed just days before he was due to race.

His mother, Lisa, said: "Thanks to the owner of Ginetta Lawrence Tomlinson, he got a call asking him to go down to Norfolk and race in a team car for Rob Boston Racing. He went - winning his race. Now he is part of the Rob Boston team."



Matthew Woodward at Rednal Karting which is back on track after a severe fire

NEWS IN BRIEF

Delay for works at roundabout

MAJOR safety roadworks on one of Shropshire's busiest roundabouts have been delayed until next year.

A £700,000 scheme to improve the Gledrid traffic island, north of Oswestry, was due to have been started by now.

But Highways England now says it won't start until the next financial year.

It says that during the design work for the project it was discovered that more essential work was needed.

The five exit roundabout carries both the A5 and A483 trunk roads as well as the roads into Weston Rhyn, Chirk and St Martins.

Engineers planned to widen the trunk road approaches and exits, construct footpaths, resurface the roadways and change signing.

The three-month work programme would have been carried out with road closures overnight and was due to finish by Christmas.

Now it won't start until at least April next year.

Tractor pull to boost charities

THE spectacle of tractor pulling will be on show this weekend.

In a charity fundraising day almost 40 tractor owners will be pitting their machines' brute strength against each other at Hanley Hall just off the A5 near Ruyton-XI-Towns.

Proceeds from the day will be split between Hope House Children's Hospice near Oswestry and the Severn Hospice, Shrewsbury.

Behind the popular two-day fundraiser is Oswestry businessman Gary Penton.

Tickets for the event, which runs from noon to 6.30pm on Saturday and 11am to 5.30pm on Sunday, cost £7 for adults, free for children.

Tickets for the evening live music entertainment are £5 and weekend tickets including the evening are £12.

Anyone wanting to take part can contact Mr Penton on 07802 672042 or Mary Jones on 07966 502249.

Man attacked in club

A MAN was head butted on a nightclub dance floor.

Dyfed-Powys Police said the victim was dancing in Molto's Nightclub in Welshpool in the early hours of Sunday when he was attacked.

The person responsible was immediately ejected from the club following the assault.



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Mature student is jailed for college hammer attack

Report by Wayne Beese



Terry Hampson

A BRICKLAYER has been jailed for attacking a man with a lump hammer after he "lost it" when a wall he had built was criticised.

Mature student Terry Hampson kicked his wall down during a training course.

He launched into a tirade against the tutor and then chased a fellow student with the hammer. The drama happened during a brick-laying course at the Oswestry campus of Walford and North Shropshire College.

Shrewsbury Crown Court heard Stuart Jones, who was also a student on the course, attempted to intervene. Tempers flared between the two men and Hampson, 34, grabbed the lump hammer and pursued Mr Jones through the college, swinging it at his head twice - in the corridor and then again in the tutor's office.

Nicholas Tatlow, prosecuting, said the victim managed to block and parry off both blows and escaped injury. "He (Hampson) was the only mature student on the course and there was some friction between the defendant and the other students," the prosecutor said.

"On February 3 this year, the teacher had to point out a mistake the defendant had made. He completely lost his temper and kicked the top off his own wall before being abusive and derogatory about the tutor, the course and his fellow students."

The prosecutor told the court Hampson was asked to leave as a result of the attack and was later booted off the course before being arrested by police.

The father-of-two, from Dudleston Heath, Ellesmere, pleaded guilty to two charges of affray and assault at a previous court hearing.

Judge Robin Onions jailed him for nine months, telling him: "If you had hit him you could have been facing a really, really serious charge."

Richard Thomas, for Hampson, said his client was a "hard-working family man" who was a self-employed builder.

"He only went on the course to try and better himself and hopefully earn more money for his family," Mr Thomas said.

"It was a genuinely isolated incident borne out of frustration."

Paul Cordery, director of North Shropshire College's Oswestry Campus, said: "The safety of our students is of paramount importance."

"We were pleased with the rapid and robust response provided by both our teaching staff and our students who acted both with unity and integrity in a difficult situation."

Ewe have got to be kidding



One of the new, and unexpected, arrivals keeps close to its mother

EWE have to be kidding - visitors to a beauty spot couldn't believe their eyes when they saw some new arrivals in the flock of sheep that live there.

Three of the Hebridean ewes that keep the undergrowth down at the Llanymynech Rocks Nature Reserve had given birth, not in the spring but at the very end of the summer. Not only that but there were no rams among the flock - or so it was thought.

The flock of black wool, long horned sheep are used by Shropshire Wildlife Trust to manage the vegetation, nibbling away at the clematis and other shrubs that would otherwise overwhelm the plants such as wild herbs and no less than 15 species of orchid. Colin Preston from the trust said:

"We thought that all the males in the flock had been castrated, but we were obviously wrong. To conceive and give birth at this time of year is apparently very rare in the sheep world."

"We have volunteers that keep an eye on the sheep at Llanymynech Rocks and they let the farmer that helps us at Llanymynech know about the lambs."

A wildlife expert, Mr Preston admitted that he knew little about sheep before the lambs were born, but has had to learn fast.

For three mothers and babies have been taken to lowland near to his home south of Oswestry where they are expected to spend the winter before being reunited with the rest of the flock.

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Orthopaedic hospital will be a 'vanguard' for care

Report by Pam Kingsley

OSWESTRY Orthopaedic Hospital has been chosen as one of 13 new "health vanguards" to develop new models of care for NHS England.

Known as acute care collaboration vanguards, they will explore new options for the future of local hospitals across the NHS as part of its five year forward plan.

The hospital is one of three specialist orthopaedic trusts that are joining force to form one of those vanguards, which will be called the National Orthopaedic Alliance.

The other partners in the alliance are the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust at Stanmore and the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust at Birmingham.

John Grinnell, an executive director at Oswestry, said: "This is great news for patients. In simple terms it means you would get the same, very high quality, orthopaedic care at every member rather than the variation in quality of outcome that exists at the moment."

"The aim is to recruit new providers to adopt the quality standards and operating practices that the alliance will formalise as a 'kite-mark' to guarantee orthopaedic quality and eventually encompass, in some way, all high volume elective orthopaedic providers in England."

There will be 13 new vanguards, which have been selected from 65 bids put forward. Simon Stevens, NHS England chief executive, said: "The era of go-it-alone individual hospitals is now being superseded by more integrated care partnerships – both within local areas, and across different parts of the country."

"The scale of the interest in these new vanguards from across the health service shows the NHS is up for radical reform."

"We've got some of the world's best hospitals and specialists in this country, and it's right they should be able to extend their reach more widely, as the vanguard programme will now allow them to do."

Meanwhile Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital staff are pledging to focus on patient safety as part of the national Sign up to Safety campaign which has been launched across England.

Jayne Downey, director of nursing, said: "We take pride in placing the safety of patient care above all else, but we are not complacent so this campaign is a great opportunity to look at all aspects of what we do. The initiative enables us to share learning from other trusts and to really focus on specific areas where we think we can make a difference."

He said: "The plan now is that in October we won't have any English long waiters. It is likely we will have Welsh patients waiting, but we do get referrals from some Welsh patients quite late after they have already been waiting some time."

"It is a massive national problem where spinal providers are not meeting targets. We need to find a sustainable solution."

Restaurant's Michelin delight



The Townhouse's Amy Cross and Gareth Bagley celebrate the Michelin inclusion

BOSSSES at an Oswestry restaurant say they are delighted the business has been included in the prestigious Michelin Guide.

The Townhouse in Oswestry opened nine months ago under the guidance of celebrity chef Michael Caines and is celebrating being included in the influential 2016 Michelin Guide.

The guide describes the restaurant as a "contemporary restaurant in a Georgian townhouse. There's a flamboyant cocktail bar, a sunny terrace and an airy dining room featuring glitzy chandeliers. Classical cooking has a modern edge and dishes are attractively presented."

Mr Caines, the two-star Michelin chef who oversees the operational elements of The Townhouse with the owners Mike

Scott and Ollie Jackson, said: "Michelin is arguably the most revered restaurant guide amongst chefs, restaurant critics and our guests, so I'd like to congratulate the whole team at Oswestry for this brilliant achievement."

Amy Cross, general manager of the restaurant in Willow Street, said: "We are all absolutely delighted, very proud and excited to that we have now achieved a listing in the Michelin Guide 2016."

"The Townhouse is growing, going from strength to strength."

"With a strong repeat customer base now established for our fine dining restaurant, a lively champagne cocktail bar and with the events now flooding in, we are absolutely overjoyed."

Treatment times 'now on track'

OSWESTRY Orthopaedic Hospital is on target to meeting waiting time targets by the end of October.

The hospital is currently being investigated by health watchdog Monitor for missing waiting times.

The hospital saw three English patients wait longer than 52 weeks for treatment during August.

It also had one patient referred from a Wales for treatment who had been waiting for spinal surgery beyond a year.

But Jayne Downey, director of nursing at the hospital trust, said things are now improving.

And she said the hospital has managed to meet its target of 92 per cent of patients waiting 18 weeks or less to start their treatment.

John Grinnell, the hospital's director of finance, said the trust is being charged £5,000 per patient who has had to wait beyond a year by Monitor.

But he said the hospital is on course to meet its recovery plans targets, drawn up with Monitor.

He said: "The plan now is that in October we won't have any English long waiters. It is likely we will have Welsh patients waiting, but we do get referrals from some Welsh patients quite late after they have already been waiting some time."

"It is a massive national problem where spinal providers are not meeting targets. We need to find a sustainable solution."

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Oswestry's Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital is recognised as one of the world's best hospitals.

Wendy Farrington Chadd's reputation in medical management was almost as big as that of the hospital she governed, so her immediate resignation this week from her position as chief executive from the NHS Foundation Trust saying "the time was right to seek a new challenge" has left still many unanswered questions. She had been at the helm for eight years and under her guidance the hospital gained foundation trust status and embarked on a multi-million pound expansion plan.

The specialist orthopaedic hospital has a worldwide reputation for innovation and research. Mrs Farrington Chadd has more than 23 years' board level experience in the National Health Service. The hospital has been under investigation from hospital trust watchdog Monitor over waiting times.

But the trust now reports that it was hitting its target of 92 per cent of patients waiting 18 weeks or less to start treatment.

The investigation does not reflect well but it's well to remember that we are extremely fortunate to have a world renowned hospital situated right here on our doorstep. But don't get me started on why Welsh patients should have to wait longer than English ones.

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Lately I've been making use of the new hourly service on the Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth line operated by Arriva Trains and I have to say what a massive improvement it is.

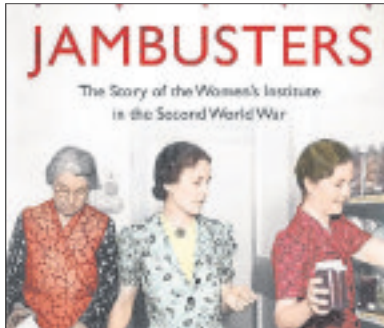
Waiting two hours for a train to take you from Shrewsbury to Welshpool was the most frustrating thing. But now that's all in the past with the new hourly service running at all the peak times.

Early reports suggest that use of the line has shot up by as much as 25 per cent since the launch in May on the Cambrian Line. Already Welshpool Town Council has been forced to double its car parking spaces and there are similar situations at both Caersws and Borth, proving that the demand existed all along. The only shame is that Oswestry is not able to benefit from these improvements but thanks to the actions of Dr Beeching some 50 years ago the town was cut off the network like so many others in his massive cost-cutting exercise.

It was clearly thought the right thing to do at the time by government with modernisation and motorways all that mattered. Railways were considered old fashioned and part of a sooty Victorian Britain and were leaking money. Though in hindsight increased fares and a restructuring of pricing policies might have provided a different answer.



Author Julie Summers was in Welshpool to talk about her work



Julie Summers's Jambusters book looked at the work of the Women's Institute during wartime



The Women's Institute has played a key role in the fabric of British society

Author Julie is proud to tell of institute's work

Author Julie Summers's work has inspired a TV series. ANDREW MORRIS has a chat with the writer

IT is renowned for its old-fashioned "Jam and Jerusalem" image, but the role played by members of the Women's Institute during the Second World War was more important than many realise.

The organisation had representatives on nine government committees and helped to keep the nation fed, while also looking after evacuees, knitting for troops and keeping the nation's spirits up.

Author Julie Summers penned her book, *Jambusters*, to look at the vital role the organisation played during the war.

It proved such a hit that ITV commissioned a series based on the book called *Home Fires*, which regularly drew audiences of more than six million viewers.

A second series has now been ordered and Mrs Summers was in Welshpool on Friday to talk about what she learned while writing the book.

Friday's talk at Welshpool Town Hall was promoted by historian Alan Crowe, as part of his Welshpool Remembers series of events to mark 70 years since the end of the Second World War.

Julie says: "The role the Women's Institute played in the Second World War was absolutely vital.

"It is an organisation that people are very quick to dismiss or poke fun at but it played a major role in the community.

"When I began working on the book I did not know anywhere near enough about the impact they had on the war effort.

"Not only were they feeding the nation,



Julie Summers's work is the inspiration for the Home Fires TV series

but they were on some of the most important committees around - including finance, housing, sewerage. There were nine representatives on committees run by the government.

"When I set out to write a history of the Women's Institute in wartime I had in mind an historical overview with anecdotes from village institutes about jam-making, vegetable growing, salvage-collecting, knitting and other activities we associate with the Second World War.

"As I went along I realised that this is not what lies at the heart of this book."

The married mother of three sons adds: "There are many top-down biographies of the Women's Institute but what I was interested in was the bottom-up story, the ordinary countrywomen who were at the heart of the village institutes.

at the outbreak it shaped their childhoods."

Mrs Summers, 55, who lives in Oxford, has been working as an author, lecturer and part-time exhibition organiser since 2000.

She said the book was quickly turned into the ITV show after she attended classes in scriptwriting.

"I decided to try and further improve my writing skills so went on a week-long scriptwriting course," she said.

"I knew from day one that it was not going to be something I would ever do again or really enjoy."

"At the end of the week, I was called to talk to one of two gentlemen who ran the class, Simon Block. He knew I hadn't enjoyed it, so asked about my writing."

"I showed him the cover of *Jambusters* and he had a look and a light went off."

Transformation

"From there it was a very quick transformation into *Home Fires*, which I was delighted with. The ratings were excellent - it got more than six million views and will now be shown in the US."

"There's also a second series on the way, which is just fantastic, I can't quite believe it."

Mrs Summers was born near Liverpool and grew up on the Wirral and then in Cheshire.

"I had always wanted to be a writer, but for the first 20 years after leaving Bristol University I worked in the art world," she said.

"Finally, in 2004, I gave up my job and began writing full time. It was the best decision I have made in my career."

"I am passionate about writing and unembarrassed to be so."

"I love researching my books, especially when they involve meeting people and talking to them about their lives."

"People often ask me why I am so fascinated by the Second World War. My answer is that it is not war that interests me but the way people coped."

WORKING FOR YOU



Access to reliable mobile and internet services is one of the most important issues affecting my constituents. I made improvement of the inadequate service a key issue in my re-election campaign. Local businesses need to be able to communicate instantly and effectively and it is not just existing businesses that this affects.

There is a real impact on inward investment as businesses take the decision not to set up in an area with a poor signal.

Not only is a good signal important for local business to thrive, it is even more vital to ensure access to the emergency services. No matter where you are in the county, you should be able to call for an ambulance, the fire service or the police without fear that you may not get a signal; the current lack of mobile phone reception puts lives at risk.

New infrastructure is needed to bring us up to speed with the rest of the country by ensuring the roll out of 4G locally. I was therefore pleased to attend a meeting with representatives from Vodafone in the House of Commons earlier this month.

This gave me the opportunity to make it clear that the service locally is actually getting worse and it is simply not acceptable for my constituents to be disadvantaged.

It is impossible to maintain a signal between the five North Shropshire market towns on any network; in my experience they are all as bad as each other. Residents travelling between towns should not have to put up with being cut off. I am pleased that the representatives from Vodafone listened carefully to my feedback on the current service.

The event gave them a chance to explain their plans for future improvements and also to give suggestions as to how I can help further. Progress is being made.

Thousands of people signed the Get Us Connected petition calling for EE, Vodafone, Three and O2 to improve their service in rural areas. Networks are beginning to respond, Vodafone claim that they will bring their service to 98 per cent of the UK population as soon as possible, a positive step for North Shropshire if it can be achieved.

I have arranged a follow-up meeting in mid-October to discuss this further and will meet a delegation from BT at the Conservative Party Conference. All mobile network providers have been invited by Connecting Shropshire to attend a meeting in December to share news of their plans for Shropshire. I am determined to resolve this issue and would encourage my constituents to get in touch with me and share their experiences.

Owen Paterson
North Shropshire MP

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Letters

Farmers must take tough decisions

DOUBTLESS my opinion will not be supported by the milk producers in this country but, frankly, they only have themselves to blame for ignoring simple economics. Too much milk, prices fall.

Solution: cut the number of dairy cows producing milk. Cull the herds. Easily accessible official statistics show a number of plain facts. What seems to have been suppressed by the farmers in their argument is the fact that in the last year, feed prices have fallen, energy prices have fallen and so costs have actually gone down.

In addition, agricultural land values have risen sharply over recent years. The

number of cows has also risen in the last 12 months by 100,000 as farmers tried to increase their income by producing more and more milk. Russian and Chinese markets have, meanwhile collapsed. As a result we now have a milk lake, like earlier butter mountains, wine lakes and grain surpluses.

So, farmers have to change their business strategy and do something else. Cull their herds and produce less, diversify into other fields or just sell up and move on into other enterprises. There is no other reason than sentimentality to keep a loss making farm to hand on to the family.

I respectfully suggest that our farmers

look to the New Zealand model, following the removal of all government subsidies in that country in the 1980s. After much pain, the whole economy rebalanced into a highly efficient framework of producers who now thrive, again, despite the recent contraction of their Chinese markets.

It is also worthy of note that the UK producers of lamb are protesting at subsidised imports of meat from New Zealand taking their markets. Why should the taxpayer support inefficiency for sentimental reasons!

P CARTLEDGE
Ellesmere

Donation by brothers had influence on election result

IT is a matter of fact that the SNP exercised influence on the results of the general election with its run of victories in Scotland. This was in no small part due to the donations of Colin and Chris Weir; Euro lottery winners who donated £3 million to the SNP in addition to the £3.5 million supporting the "Yes Scotland" Independence campaign. To put this in perspective the population of Scotland is 5.295 million and the rest of the UK is 58.805 million. So if we were to spend the same amount per head for the rest of the country as the Weirs donated to Scotland we would require £33.310m.

I would imagine that without the Weirs the overall result may have been very different. One can only speculate what shape this would have taken. Maybe if the Conservatives had not got an overall majority Mr Miliband would have, after much agonising, done the deal with the SNP that he was so strongly opposed to prior to the election?

Fair play to Chris and Colin they sound good sorts but one has to say that the future of the country was probably not democratically decided by the population as a whole yet we trundle democracy around the world as the best solution for various under-developed countries and if they don't want it we will fire missiles from submarines at them until they do!

What we need in Parliament is a devil's advocate and as such I think Jeremy Corbyn would make a great one.

R LLOYD
Ellesmere

Labour leader just can't last

JEREMY Bernard Corbyn was elected to Haringey District Council in 1974 and MP for Islington North in 1983 – he has never held any appointed office.

He is reported to have great personal integrity and honesty, usually has one of the very lowest expenses claims of our 626 MPs in Westminster.

He rides a bike, does not own a car, is a vegetarian who does not drink alcohol and he has an allotment.

Is there any wonder that this election of a new leader of the Labour Party has produced the greatest shockwave Parliament has experienced for 50 years – an honest MP with personal integrity who does not fiddle his expenses?

Here is a Socialist who believes that the working man has been given a raw deal that zero-hours contracts are a disgrace and that privatisation puts profits before people – we have not seen one of those since Tony Blair painted New Labour Blue.

Nigel Farage must be well pleased. In an instant Mr Corbyn has replaced him as the target of the national press to be blamed, framed and implicated, insulted, reviled and slandered.

He cannot last!
BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

Postcard shows castle at its romantic best



Whittington Castle is a romantic ruin – a theme obviously played on in this postcard which was franked on June 24, 1911, at Oswestry. The printed postcard caption said: "Whittington Castle. I am being firmly 'held in' here." It was posted to Jack Wilkinson, of Tan House, Sarnau, Llanymynech. The postcard was loaned by Diana Humphreys, of Maesbrook.

Britain is living off scraps from the big EU table

I WAS intrigued by an article about £17 million of European money being given to Shropshire to stimulate business and growth.

European money? What a joke. This £17 million is just a crumb from the table, we pay £55 million per day into the EU and are amongst only a handful of net contributors.

Considering that the EU is spending well over £500 million on a publicity spree of indoctrination about themselves so that everyone believes what a good thing this gravy train for politicians and free loading countries is. Do not be deceived, that £55 million a day could do miracles within our own country without us having to rely on crumbs from the EU table to be grateful for.

There is also talk of Germany benefiting to the tune of billions of euros from the Greek fiasco.

Of course Angela Merkel is far smarter than ditching Dave Cameron.

D L BARNETT
Arleston

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Where to put solar panels

SOLAR panels are one of the best ways of providing renewable energy. Obviously they don't work at night or when the sun isn't shining. Surely common sense tells us that industrial and commercial roofs are used first before taking farmland.

The difficulty in all this is balancing supply and demand. When it's a hot day, solar will produce a huge amount of electricity, it has to be used somewhere, it can't be poured away like water.

R JONES
St Martins

Truancy has been a problem for a very long time

CHILDREN bunking off school, parents taking their children on holidays during term times and children staying away because of bullying issues; all these have been happening since the first school opened.

I believe schools just don't face the real reasons for children playing truant and enforce infantile rules on children who have their intelligence insulted by them which has the same predictable reaction – opposition. I also believe schools now face the inability to discipline children because of the PC brigade. I know that it was many years since I attended school, when you were told to stay on, get better qualifications which in turn enhance your chances of getting a better paid job.

Unfortunately, there are now less jobs because of both mechanisation and cut-backs, which in turn limits the places for better qualified people who obviously are entitled to better pay for better qualifications. So firms prefer to employ unqualified school leavers who they can pay less.

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Picture focus



Brian Rapson takes a look at the 3D printer at Oswestry Library



The printer can make intricate 3D models

A taste of the future

LIBRARY visitors got a taste of the future when they were able to watch 3D printers in action and ask experts questions about the process.

The drop-in session was held at Oswestry Library, with expert Paul Brewer from Shropshire 3D Print bringing along two machines to demonstrate to visitors.

3D printers lay down layers of material – in the case of the models in the library, a corn starch-based material – to create three dimen-

Report by Pam Kingsley

sional solid objects from a digital file. Designs can be created using a 3D modelling program or copied from another object using a 3D scanner, and there are websites full of designs users have uploaded for others to use.

The technology is already being used in manufacturing, to create prototypes of designs; in architecture to create scale models; and in medicine to create prosthetics and implants.

Brian Rapson, library commissioning manager, who helped organise the session, said he had lost count of the number of people who had stopped to take a look at the machines and ask questions.

“We had a lot of interest from a mixture of people, many who didn’t know anything about the process before and some who did have some knowledge and wanted to know more,” he said.

“It’s been general fascination at the process really.”



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Volunteers day will be held in village

AN event will be held in Whittington near Oswestry to form a band of volunteers for the area.

Whittington Parish Volunteer Day will be held on October 10 from 10am to 1pm at the village's cricket club.

Parishioner volunteer Ian Johnson said: "During a recent parish survey a number of parishioners indicated that they would be willing to support the parish organisations as a volunteer."

"Through the parish plan steering group a project has been instigated which is exploring the creation of a parish wide volunteer capability."

"A start-up event has been organised on October 10 with the aim of bringing together the potential volunteers with the organisations that need support."

"There will also been an opportunity for the volunteers to have a say on how the capability can operate in the future."

"All Whittington parishioners are invited."

"Organisations that will be in attendance are Whittington Cemetery and Memorial Garden, Whittington Castle, Whittington Community Centre, Whittington Senior Citizens, St John the Baptist and Men's Sheds."

Town bin fire may have been arson

FIREFIGHTERS were called out to an industrial wheellie bin fire in Oswestry that could have been started deliberately.

The alarm was sounded at just after 11pm on Sunday in Church Street. The crew from Oswestry station used a hose reel jet to put out the blaze.

The fire service said the fire was of doubtful origin and that it had passed details on to police.

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Nigel Evans and Hugh Roberts from Oswestry-based financial advisors Hugh Roberts Ltd

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tickets available for gala evening

TICKETS are still available for a gala evening in Oswestry which will celebrate the area's volunteers.

The celebration will be hosted by Oswestry Mayor Peter Cherrington.

Councillor Cherrington is inviting members of the voluntary sector and everyone who gives to charity to join him on October 17 for a three-course meal and entertainment.

The gala evening will be held at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Paddock Suite at the Wynnstay Hotel, Oswestry, in aid of the mayor's charities.

Councillor Cherrington's charities this year are Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Oswestry Bone Cancer Centre. Tickets are £28 and include a glass of bubbly on arrival followed by a three-course meal.

Entertainment will be provided by The Very Nice Production Company, local pianist Stewart Green and magician Ken Anthonisz. The dress code is lounge suits or smart casual.

For tickets contact the mayor's secretary on (01691) 680222.

Maintenance cost of court revealed

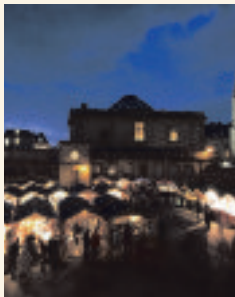
THE Government is spending £27,000 a year to maintain Oswestry's closed court.

Oswestry Magistrates Court and County Court is incurring costs of more than £2,000 a month just to keep it in a good state of repair while it awaits a buyer.

The court building in Holbache Road closed in October 2011 under a national reform of the courts system, but is one of 13 courts across England which has not been sold yet.

Shailesh Vara, the Secretary of State for Justice, revealed the figures in response to a question by shadow justice minister Andy Slaughter.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Talk on war will be held at hall

A TALK about how Shropshire coped during the Second World War will be held in Mid Wales.

Historian Dorothy Nicole will give her talk "Don't you know there's a war on - Shropshire in the Second World War" at Welshpool Town Hall on Tuesday at 7pm for 7.30pm.

Alan Crowe, organiser, said: "Continuing the Welshpool Remembers programme of events marking the 70th anniversary of the end of World War Two is this talk. Having collected anecdotes and memories from dozens of people over the years, Dorothy talks on evacuees, rationing, entertainment and the way the county was virtually one massive store for all types of items from foodstuffs to aircraft too, in the days leading up to D-Day."

Concerns rise over car seats' safety

MORE than 85 per cent of child car seats checked during a campaign in Mid Wales were not suitable for use, it has been revealed.

Powys County Council's road safety unit said 48 of the 65 seats checked needed adjustment, with eight condemned as not suitable for use.

Just nine of those vetted by officers were found to be suitable and fitted correctly, the council said.

The council carried out the checks as part of its car seat clinics held in supermarket car parks around the region.

Councillor John Brunt, cabinet member for road safety, said: "Child car seats need to be fitted correctly in order to protect your child in the event of a collision."

Police cracking down on motorists using mobiles

Report by Andrew Morris

POLICE have launched a major crackdown on motorists who are using mobile phones while driving.

Dyfed-Powys Police has teamed up with the other three Welsh forces for a two-week campaign.

Police patrols have increased across Mid Wales for the duration of the enforcement campaign, to draw drivers attention to not only the risks posed by being distracted by mobile phones while in control of a vehicle, but the serious penalties which they will face if they are caught.

Nationally, the number of motorists using mobile phones to make calls, texts or social media updates whilst driving has risen and distracted driving is expected to be the biggest single cause of death and injuries on roads as a result in 2015.

In Wales more than 900 motorists were caught using their mobile phones whilst behind the wheel during the 2014 campaign.

Deputy Chief Constable of Dyfed-Powys Police Carl Langley said: "Even the most experienced or competent of drivers can be easily distracted and a slight lapse in concentration can have serious consequences. This campaign is just one part of our ongoing effort to target and reduce the number of drivers who risk becoming involved in a serious or fatal collision due to using a mobile phone whilst driving."

"Drivers need to be aware that these actions carry the same danger and the same penalty."

Runner Chris aims to keep on going



Chris Hall with his collection of London Marathon medals

HE'S covered more than 470 miles and raised more than £30,000 for good causes after completing 18 London Marathons.

And Chris Hall says he is showing no signs of stopping in his quest to raise funds for charities close to his heart.

Mr Hall, a 51-year-old legal advisor who works at Welshpool Magistrates Court, ran his first London Marathon aged 25 in 1989.

And he completed his 18th this year, taking the total amount raised to more than £30,000.

Mr Hall said: "It is something I absolutely love and would recommend anybody gets involved in."

"It was a wonderful feeling to complete my 18th marathon - a coming of age I guess, but I am not showing any signs of stopping just yet."

"I took out all of my medals and had a look at them and the memories they brought back was just superb."

Mr Hall said he began running when he stopped playing football and hockey.

Circularwalk awaits town ramble club

ON Sunday Sandra Smith will lead the Welshpool Ramblers on a seven-mile 'moderate' grade circular walk in the area to the west of Llyn Trawsfynydd.

Starting from the parking area opposite the farmhouse 'Moelfryn-isaf', a steep path will lead to the high ground above Cwm Moch before descending to Bryn Cader Faner, Nant Ddu and Nant Pasgan Mawr, before returning along the attractive Nant Ddu and alongside a water conduit serving the lake.

Given reasonable weather, it will be possible to appreciate the grandeur of the surrounding mountain scenery, supplemented by coastal views including Portmeirion and Cardigan Bay.

Meet at 10am at the start of the walk or at 8.30am in the upper part of Church Street car park, Welshpool from where shared transport may be available.

All are welcome, but no dogs are allowed on the walk. Further information can be obtained on (01691) 831963. This number should be contacted if particularly adverse weather conditions are forecast, when an alternative walk will be arranged.

Fund aims to boost business

BUSINESSES in Wales could benefit from a fund set up to increase the use of knowledge, skills and technology in the area.

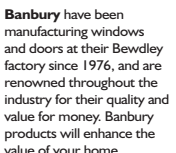
The Welsh Assembly has struck a new £8.4 million deal with Innovate UK to help businesses come up with more innovative ideas.

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Antiques expert Caroline Hawley with contestant Jenny Lippman from Wolverhampton



Dealer Mick Stephens from Lancashire was at the antique fair

The big hunt is on

THE crew from hit television show **Bargain Hunt** was looking for a bargain at an antiques fair near Oswestry.

The BBC team was filming at Oswestry Showground at the weekend, ahead of an episode to be shown later this year.

The Bargain Hunt production team are regular visitors to the antiques fair at the showground at Park Hall, on the outskirts of Oswestry.

The programme has filmed at the site on sev-

Report by Andrew Morris

eral occasions in the past and presenters and antique experts from the show have often been seen at the showground during production.

On this occasion, a team of experts from the show including Caroline Hawley and Charles Hanson were on hand with the two teams as they tried to secure a bargain ahead of the all-important auction, which will be filmed at a later date.

Antiques enthusiast Lucy Jones, from

Oswestry, who was at the event on Saturday, said: "It was great to see them filming Bargain Hunt again in Oswestry, the town is becoming a real favourite for them."

"Everyone was keen to know what the teams were buying."

The show sees two pairs of contestants challenged to buy antiques at a fair and then sell them in an auction for a profit. It has aired on BBC One since March 2000 in a daytime version, and from August 2002 to November 2004 in a primetime version.



Bargain Hunt presenter Charles Hanson takes a close look at a few items during filming at Park Hall Showground near Oswestry

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Headteacher Liz Dakin said: "Thomas Adams excels in its efforts to produce academically successful pupils but also offers a real sense of community, students leave the school as well rounded individuals and useful citizens."

On top of all these successes during the year, in August exam results revealed that 72 per cent of all grades at GCSE were a C or above.

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The boathouse at Glansevern Hall Gardens



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Gardens honoured

Report by Pam Kingsley

THE stunning gardens surrounding an historic hall have been given royal approval.

Glansevern Hall Gardens has met the stringent criteria to become an RHS Partner Garden and will be included in the organisation's 2016 handbook.

Visitors travel from across Shropshire and Mid Wales to visit Glansevern, where they can explore 25 acres of gardens, some of it dating back more than 200 years.

As well as a formal walled garden there is an unusual rock garden and even a hidden grotto. One of the crowning glories is Glansevern's five acre lake and also a water garden. As well as attraction visitors of the human kind the garden attract wildlife, from butterflies and bees to the birds that can be seen on the bird hide walk.

And if you think that the architecture of the hall itself seems familiar, it was created by the same team who build Shropshire's Attingham Park.

Caroline Owen, owner of Glansevern Hall, said: "We're very proud to be included in the 2016 RHS Handbook. This is great news not only for us here, but the locality as this is sure to bring more groups visiting from much further afield, which can only be of benefit to us all."

"The 25-acre garden is already well known to people in this region but this new partnership looks set to widen its popularity. We look forward to welcoming all our visitors, both old and new, but if you are thinking of visiting with your club or group, I think we will find ourselves very popular next year, so do give us a call to ensure you get your first choice of date." To coincide with the announcement, the garden, at Berriew, Welshpool, has launched longer opening hours and will now be open all year round, daily from Tuesday to Saturday, as well as Bank Holiday Mondays.



Caroline Owen is delighted the gardens have become a RHS Partner Garden



A view of a section of the stunning gardens surrounding Glansevern Hall



Glansevern Hall is surrounded by many incredibly beautiful features



There is plenty of natural beauty in the gardens



The intricate Ginkgo Gate at Glansevern Hall Gardens

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also boast a whole host of other events. The most recent community event was held earlier this month when more than 4,000 people visited Merefest in the town.

A day of fun culminated in an evening lantern parade, giant puppetry and spectacular illuminated sculptures on the Mere.

Luke Neal, community officer for the Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership that organised the event, said the thousands of visitors enjoyed good weather and a host of activities.

He said: "We had a farmers' market, canoeing, storytelling and music, archery, arts and crafts and wildlife events such as pond dipping."

"We want to get more people, of all ages, in touch with the local wildlife and so we had experts on hand available to talk to people about what they can see on the meres and mosses and also about anything they found while pond dipping."

Art group Fizz Giggs held lantern making workshops and those involved then took part in a lantern procession.

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Drone gives filmmakers an eyeful



Dave Humphreys, left, and Alex Bricknell of flytheeye with the drone in the Boys' Courtyard at Y Dolydd

VOLUNTEERS at an historic building have been getting a bird's eye view of their surroundings while filming a documentary.

The Workhouse – Y Dolydd – in Llanfyllin has an interesting past and volunteers started work recently on a dramatised documentary of its history which will be shown to visitors.

Ghosts of the Workhouse will be played in the Workhouse History Centre, which is due to open next year at Llanfyllin.

Filming will involve local actors and is being financed by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

But several scenes in the film, including the opening sequence, demand views of the building from the air to show its characteristic layout.

That means a very modern introduction of a

drone to provide a overview of the historic site.

John Hainsworth, from the Llanfyllin Dolydd Building Preservation Trust, said: "Recent developments in aerial photography have made this much easier, and the filming was carried out by the newly launched Llanfyllin-based company flytheeye.co.uk using one of their two highly efficient drones.

"There were ideal conditions when the drone went up, with only a light wind, and that helped to ensure some impressive still



A picture of Y Dolydd taken from the drone, shows the building from an unusual angle

and moving shots from different heights and angles.

"Safety is an important consideration when flying drones, and it was necessary to post lookouts and to keep well away from the main road. Happily there were no problems.

"The film's director of photography, Philip Lane of Beehouse Studios, now has ample material to edit over the next few months."

Casting for the film is almost complete and rehearsals with actors will start this month.

Built in 1837, the stone building served as a workhouse for up to 250 inmates until 1930, when it became a local authority institution and later a care home. It finally closed in 1983.

The Workhouse enjoyed a brief period of rejuvenation as an outdoor pursuits centre before being left empty from the mid 1980s.

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Organisers say the beer festival will be a carnival of real ale, cider, and there will be a first for this year – a pop-up wine bar with local wine shop, Twelve Green Bottles.

"This is Octoberfest, so what better time to have a beer festival?" said club manager, Hugh Roberts.

"We've got around 15 superb real ales from the region, some wonderful ciders, and not to mention cracking wines from around the world, which given that the Rugby World Cup will be on, is perfect."

Taking place on Friday, October 9, and Saturday, October 10, the festival is open to everyone, tickets are £8 which includes four drinks tokens and a festival glass designed for the occasion.

"The last occasion was a really friendly, convivial, community event," says John Wayne, from The Best Of Oswestry.

"It's always a pleasure to co-promote this event because everyone has a lovely time, and it supports Oswestry's young local cricketers in developing their game."

Twelve Green Bottles proprietor, Mandy Jenkins, is looking forward to setting up the new Pop-Up Wine Bar.

She said: "We're really excited to be part of the festival" she said.

"We're planning to showcase some fascinating wines from around the world, so looking forward to meeting some new wine fans."

The festival is run in association



Oswestry Cricket Club is the venue for this year's Oswestry Beer Festival

with Oswestry website, The Best Of Oswestry and local brewers, Stonehouse Brewery. All proceeds from the event will go towards the junior and disability cricket sections of the club. All food proceeds, as supplied by Hartshorns, will go to the Lingen

Davies Cancer Relief Fund. Tickets are available from Oswestry Cricket Club, Twelve Green Bottles in Leg Street in Oswestry or Rowanhorn in Old Chapel Court in Oswestry.

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Time to get ready for some festive frivolity

WITH October now here, it is time for party-goers in the Welshpool and Oswestry areas to think about where they will be having their Christmas celebrations.

Restaurants, pubs, hotels and venues throughout the area are already making their festive plans, sorting out their menus and planning their special Christmas and New Year offers.

And with the area having a great selection of venues to choose from, now is the time for all of us to think about what sort of celebration we want to have, and just as importantly, where we want to go for it.

Christmas time is an ideal time to go out to celebrate with work colleagues and catch up with friends and many of the region's venues offer great deals for larger parties.

And smaller parties are also not forgotten with many venues offering intimate settings for family groups or couples at superb value prices.

With the region boasting some of the best local produce in the country, many venues insist on using local suppliers for their festive food so you can be sure of a delicious meal.

Whatever sort of celebration you are planning this festive season, the venues in the Oswestry and Welshpool area can provide exactly what you are looking for. And while you are out and about this festive season, don't forget to check out the many community events being held in the area for Christmas and New Year.



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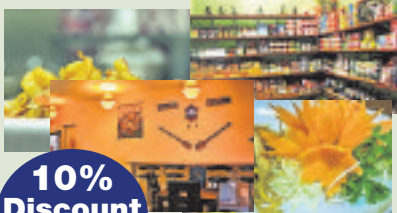
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Andy Hughes from Holywell takes part in the ploughing match



Gareth Lay cleans his Ford 3000 at the Cruckton Ploughing Match



William Evans gets ready for the ploughing match

A time to celebrate

Report by Sue Austin

THERE were double celebrations when two popular community events were staged for people of all ages.

The traditional art of ploughing was celebrated as 90 ploughmen and women took part in the annual Cruckton ploughing championships.

The 83rd competition was held at Hanley Hall at Ruyton-XI-Towns near Oswestry.

During the event competitors had to prove they could plough a straight furrow, whether in the horse drawn class, vintage tractors or with today's huge modern machinery.

Overall ploughing champion was Derek Lloyd from Ellesmere, who also won the open trailed vintage class and best Shropshire ploughman.

A new award was given this year for the best under 26-year-old competitor, which was won by Stuart Vickers of Malpas.

Show secretary Helen Davies said the memorial shield was in memory of Sonny Davies of Ford, a former world ploughing champion who died last year.

She said: "Sonny was a great believer in handing down the skills and encouraging the younger generation."

She said the event had been a great success with perfect ploughing conditions.

Meanwhile there were celebrations of a different kind when Ellesmere's Cremorne Gardens played host to a day of celebrating the area's landscape.

More than 4,000 people visited Merefest in the town.

A day of fun for all the family culminated in an evening lantern parade, giant puppetry and spectacular illuminated sculptures on the Mere.

The Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership organised the event.



Dozens of ploughmen and women took part in the Cruckton Ploughing Match at Ruyton-XI-Towns near Oswestry



Thousands of people enjoyed this year's Merefest celebrations



Claudia and Hannah Savage enjoy Merefest



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Eileen Griffiths from Llyncllys Hall Farm Shop



Teresa Jones has ran a stall at the market for more than 30 years



Sarah Nash from Smithy Garden Herbs and Gifts

A true market leader!



Claire Fugill from Balloons For All Occasions



The main entrance to Oswestry's indoor Powis Hall market



Oswestry's indoor market has something for everyone



Stallholder Scott Stokes dishes up some delicious food



Michelle Carnell from Radfords Fine Foods

THE Oswestry and Border Chronicle's We Mean Business campaign celebrates and promotes the town's businesses. As well as our weekly We Mean Business editorial profiles, the Chronicle is also running a series of special features to highlight the importance of business to the town. This week we take a look at Oswestry's indoor and outdoor markets and the traders who work there.

The importance of Oswestry's markets on the town should not be underestimated. In fact the markets played a key role in the development of the town.

The first known market charter was granted during the reign of Henry II when the Town was known as Whiteminster.

The current Powis Hall indoor market hall

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was reconstructed in 1963 and is open every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

The indoor market enjoyed a revamp in 2012 after winning an online voting competition in The Times newspaper

The hall was nominated for the competition by one of its market traders and it won the prize of £50,000 which was given in kind – the estimated cost of the advice from designer Sir Terence Conran and materials.

Work included a new glass lift, refurbishing the toilets, creating wi-fi facilities, a fresh lick of paint and hanging large canopies from the ceiling.

Oswestry's outdoor market on the Bailey Head is also an important feature of the town.

The outdoor market area also provides an opportunity for specialist events to be staged such as antique and continental markets.

The importance of the markets to Oswestry is not lost on the traders who work there. Teresa Jones has run a floral art and cake decoration stall at the market for more than 30 years.

She said: "The market is still important to Oswestry because we are a market town. Obviously there has been big changes in the way people shop but many people still enjoy coming to the market."

"The best bit about the job is working with your customers. Market traders give a personal service and can give expert advice."

"We also provide services that you won't get anywhere else."

"The customer service is the most important thing. You make time for your customers."

"People talk about Cae Glas Park being Oswestry's jewel in the crown but I think the market is. You get such a mix because of the individual stalls and good service and advice."

Lynda Jones from Llyncllys Hall Farm Shop

said she set up her stall at the indoor market because of public demand.

She said: "We started here first in the farmers' market and then our customers wanted us here every week."

"We have been here for two years and it has gone very well. I think we should be optimistic about the future of the market. It is very important to Oswestry."

Sarah Nash from Smithy Garden Herbs and Gifts says she is pleased with how things have gone on her stall which she opened on the outdoor market in March this year.

She said: "We have had great support from local people and many repeat customers."

"We are still building up the business but it is going well."

"The markets are important to Oswestry. Oswestry is a market town and we need to make sure we find ways of getting people in to come here."

"People do like the markets and they come from quite a way away. Recently we had people from Ludlow. They said they liked Oswestry

and they really liked the markets."The importance of a thriving market to a town such as Oswestry has been reinforced by recent research.

British market towns that have retained their traditional markets are more healthy, more socially active, provide better food security and promote sustainability, according to the research.

The research provides the strongest evidence to date of the 'market effect' increasing a town's vitality and viability, including by increasing footfall between 15 and 27 per cent compared to towns without markets.

The research, by Professor Alan Hallsworth, based at the University of Portsmouth, and colleagues was commissioned and is published by The National Association of British Market Authorities.

Professor Hallsworth, visiting research fellow at Portsmouth Business School, said: "We can unequivocally say markets contribute to the economic, social and political health of towns and cities."



Pat Roberts helped out at the Macmillan coffee morning at the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry



Hospital staff Fee McDonald, Terri Dhawan and Emily Roads at the fundraiser

Fundraising cheer

THE communities of Oswestry and Welshpool once again came out in force to support an annual health drive.

Groups, organisations and schools throughout the area took part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan.

Theatre staff at the Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital raised £1,500 to help cancer research. And Terri Dhawan, a theatre sister who

Report by Pam Kingsley

helped organise the morning, said the team had a number of personal reasons for opting to get involved.

"It feels poignant because we've got a couple of girls within the team who are fighting cancer," she said.

"We also lost a colleague, Ruth MacKenzie, at the start of the year and about two years ago we lost another close friend, Sue Wood. We held a raffle and were fortunate to get some

really lovely prizes, and we've had bakers from all the different departments in theatres contributing. We decided before we started that we'd split the money, with proceeds from the raffle going to the bone tumour unit and money from the coffee morning going to Macmillan."

Among the schools taking part in the coffee morning fundraiser was the Marches School in Oswestry.

Various venues took part in the event, including the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry.



Staff at the Marches School in Oswestry helped organise a coffee morning for this year's Macmillan fundraiser

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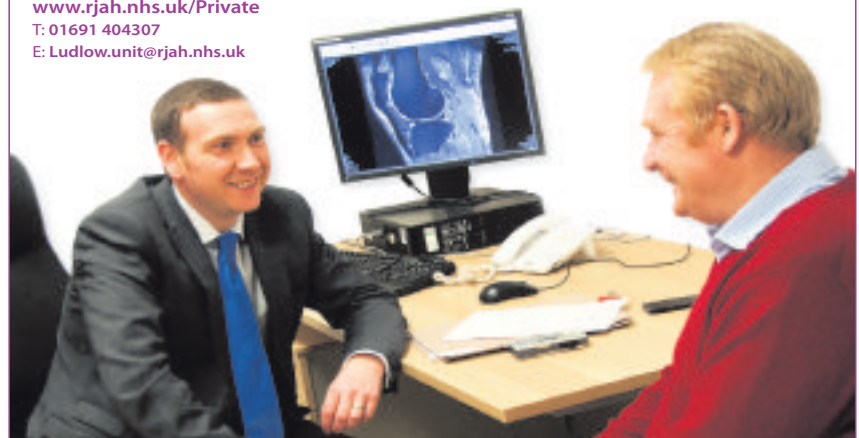
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The British Ironwork Centre's gorilla sculptures joined in on the fun



The teams get stuck in during the tug of war competition



Terry Waite and Clive Knowles at the ironwork centre

Busy time at centre



Sarah McManus takes a look at the giant spider



The tug of war rope was set on fire at the British Ironwork Centre to add extra drama to the competition



Terry Waite says hello to some of the centre's wildlife



Terry Waite and Clive Knowles chat during the visit



Sarah McManus with the giant spider

AN Oswestry tourist attraction was a hive of activity when it hosted a visit by peace envoy Terry Waite, staged a tug of war championship – and proudly showed off its latest addition.

All the events took place at the British Ironwork Centre at Aston near Oswestry. Mr Waite was at the centre to talk about his peace work around the world and to meet up again with the business's chairman Clive Knowles. Mr Knowles and Mr Waite were recently in Africa as part of a project to help young artists there make a living.

Mr Waite was also promoting his book, a comic novel that shows the sense of humour that helped him through those dark days of confinement in Beirut.

And during a VIP evening at the British Ironwork Centre, he talked about his life, and

Report by Sue Austin

his feelings about the problems of the world, from mass migration to Isis.

Mr Waite, now 76, was taken hostage in Lebanon on January 20 1987.

He had travelled there as an envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury to try to secure the release of British hostage John McCarthy and other western captives. But he was accused of being a CIA agent and kidnapped.

He was held captive for 1,763 days, the first four years of which were spent in solitary confinement.

He was finally released on November 18, 1991.

"You have to live an interior life," he says. "I wrote stories in my head, funny stories. And when I dreamt it would often be funny dreams as if my mind was giving me some relief in my sleep. I would often wake laughing."

"My sense of humour kept me going."

His humour can now be shared through his

novel, *The Voyage of the Golden Handshake*, described as *Fawlty Towers* on a cruise ship.

Before he was taken hostage himself he successfully negotiated with many of the world's dictators for the release of others, from Amin in Uganda, where he and his family escaped death themselves, to Gaddafi in Libya.

He says people like Colonel Gaddafi and Saddam Hussein could not be condoned, but getting rid of them brought other problems.

He said: "Mass migration is symptomatic of problems back home, be that warfare, gang violence or economic poverty. We have to look at the root cause of the migration and try to fix it."

"That is why myself and Clive from the British Ironworks work with the charity, Y Care to South Africa and Zimbabwe. We want to set up projects in which people can set up businesses and make a living."

The project intends to train young Africans to create art and sculptures from recycled materials which can then be sold through Mr Knowles' British Ironwork Centre and the

profits are ploughed back into those projects. In a fact-finding mission the pair recently travelled to South Africa and Zimbabwe to visit art and sculpture centres.

Sculptors from the British Ironwork Centre will travel to Africa to work with young artists before their finished products are to be shipped to the Oswestry centre for sale.

"In this project with Clive and the British Ironworks we have an excellent model I hope other businessmen and women throughout Britain will follow," he says.

"We want to help, in a very small way, individuals to remain in their own countries, to stop them having to migrate. There are problems and difficulties and South Africa and Zimbabwe and I fear there are more ahead. If we can help just a few people and if others can follow Clive's lead at least we are doing something."

Meanwhile The British Ironwork Centre hosted its third annual tug of war event at the weekend. Both brawn and brains were chal-

lenged as teams pitted their wits and muscle against each other in a best of three pulls challenge. The Rea Valley Young Farmers emerged as victors as they beat Oswestry Rugby Club in a dramatic finale.

Although Oswestry Rugby club didn't manage to win the tug-of-war games for a third consecutive year, the members were victorious in a just-for-fun challenge after the final pull, competing in a flaming rope pull against the young farmers.

Steve Charmley, captain of Oswestry Rugby Club said: "We have retained the trophy for the past two years. This was a crushing defeat and we have vowed to win it back next year."

And the British Ironwork Centre has also welcomed its new addition – a huge spider sculpture. Its arrival has already been met with some horror by those staff who don't like spiders. Sarah McManus, from the centre, said: "It has arrived just in time for our Halloween trick or treat event at the end of October and we expect it to be very popular."

Property

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Substantial residence has a holiday cottage

A tastefully improved and most substantial detached Victorian residence, Valley Court in Morda Road, Oswestry lies in a fabulous edge of town position.

Having a sauna, gymnasium with a bar, landscaped gardens and a sweeping driveway plus an annexe/holiday cottage, it is for sale through Richmond Harvey at £750,000.

It has an ornate pillared entrance porch and

a decorative archway to an inner hallway, timber staircase off and a door to a cellar, a basement, WC, a delightful drawing room, a dining room, a family room, a breakfast room with an archway to a kitchen with oak units with granite worktops and a rear hall. There is also a utility, study, rear cloakroom, master bedroom suite with a bedroom lobby, dressing room, dressing area, bedroom with fitted

furniture and en-suite bathroom, guest bedroom suite with fitted furniture and en-suite, three further bedrooms and a shower room. The annexe/holiday cottage has an open plan kitchen/living room, a bedroom, bathroom/sauna room, a gym, bar and its own garden. For further information contact Richmond Harvey on 01691 654222 or visit www.richmondharvey.com



Spacious village property is an excellent family home

An excellent four bedroomed spacious family house, 8 Sycamore Close, St Martins, is on the market through JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £199,950. The property backs onto open countryside. It is on a corner plot. Accommodation comprises two reception rooms, a breakfast kitchen, cloakroom, four double bedrooms, bathroom and ensuite. There is a large garage, parking and private rear garden and patio. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212 for more details.



Development's show home doors in village set to open

Pickstock Homes' sought-after housing development in St Martins will officially open its show home doors later this month. The show home, a four-bedroom property, called Torridge, will be revealed on Saturday, October 17, and Sunday, October 18, from 11am to 4pm. The homes at Irvine Gardens have already proved to be extremely popular, with 50 per cent of the properties already reserved. The show home will showcase the exacting quality that Pickstock Homes is renowned for and advisors will be on hand to answer any questions visitors may have.



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Country house has many original features

The Laurels, at Wern, Pool Quay near Welshpool, is a highly desirable four bedroomed detached country house. It is on the market through Norman Lloyd with offers in the region of £429,950. The property offers accommodation of character with original features throughout. It has most attractive manicured cottage gardens and grounds and adjoining pasture land extending in total to in excess of four acres. From the property views can be appreciated from every angle across the grounds to the distant hills beyond. For more information contact Norman Lloyd on 01938 552371.



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- The property has been tastefully extended and renovated
- Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility
- Ground Floor Shower Rm & adjoining Living Room/Ground Floor Bed
- 3 Bedrooms, Study and Family Bathroom.
- Courtyard styled private gardens and off road parking
- UPVC double glazing and Oil C/H. EPC Rating G



Llwyn Road Oswestry £121,995

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- Including re-roofing the property in 2013
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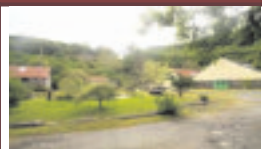
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10 Stewart Road, Oswestry £139,950

Mid terrace two bedroom town house. Two reception rooms with open fires. Ground floor shower room. First floor bathroom. Gas-fired central heating. Private enclosed rear courtyard and patio. Retaining many original features. EPC Rating = 45 (E) No Chain

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17 Maes Y Derwen, Llanrhaeadr YM £119,500

Semi-detached village house. Thru' lounge/diner, kitchen/breakfast. Three bedrooms and bathroom. Oil-fired central heating. Sealed unit double glazed timber framed glazing. Gardens to both front and rear. Detached render finished store. EPC Rating = 58 (D) No Chain

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Brwynog, Llanfihangel £239,500

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Tredern House, Llandrinio £438,000

Spacious and Detached Country Property. Extending to 1.25 Acres (or thereabouts). Two Receptions, Conservatory. Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility, Shower. Main Bedroom with En-suite Bathroom. Three Further Bedrooms, Bathroom. Oil Fired Heating. Double Glazed. Garage/Workshop/Store. Traditional Barn. Two Pony Paddocks. Energy efficiency rating = 51 (E)

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24 Clos Bryn Y Ddol, Welshpool £125,000

Semi-Detached Family House. Sitting Room with gas fire, Kitchen/Dining. Three Bedrooms, Tiled Bathroom. Gas fired heating. UPVC double glazed. Gardens to front and rear. Off Street Parking. Cul-de-sac location. Views to the Long Mountain. Energy efficiency rating = 61 (D)


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HOUSE & LAND

The Old Mill, Candy



OC3919

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Price: £695,000

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HOUSE & ANNEXE

Plas Cerrig, Wern



OC3991

This extraordinary detached family home dates back to approx 1810. The property is complimented by a detached annexe and delightful gardens. Hall, Dining Room, Lounge, Sitting Room, Kitchen, Pantry, Utility, WC, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms, Bathroom. Annexe - Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom. Garaging, Workshops, Store Rooms, Landscaped Gardens, Paddock, Parking. EPC E.

Price: £499,950

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NO CHAIN ●●OPEN HOUSE●●

Wern Ddu Farm, Penybontfawr



OC4070

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Price: £395,000

T: 01691 670 320

NO CHAIN DETACHED HOUSE

The Birches, Dolywern



OC4091

Sitting proudly within its elevated plot in a rural location this four bedroom detached family home enjoys lovely views across the Ceiriog Valley and to the hills in the distance. The spacious accommodation is superbly presented throughout and comprises: Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Dining Room, Lounge, Snug, Kitchen, Utility Room, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Landscaped Gardens, Double Garage, Work Room. EPC Rating D.

Price: £349,950

T: 01691 670 320

NO CHAIN THREE BEDROOMS

The Meads, Weston Rhyn



OC3966

This three bedroom end of terrace family home is situated in a pleasant cul de sac location and back out onto open countryside. The property benefits from a delightful conservatory and cottage gardens. The property is warmed by gas fired central heating and has UPVC double glazing. The accommodation comprises:- Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen Dining Room, Large Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, Garage/Utility, Lovely Gardens to the Front and Rear, Parking.

Price: £119,970

T: 01691 670 320

NO CHAIN BUNGALOW

Brookfields, Weston Rhyn



OC4006

A wonderful opportunity to purchase a semi detached two bedroom bungalow situated in a pleasant and quiet residential area within a sought after village with an abundance of amenities and regular bus service. Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Side Hall, Utility Room/Store, Store Room, Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bathroom, Garden. Warmed by gas fired central heating and benefitting from UPVC double glazing. EPC Rating D.

Price: £110,000

T: 01691 670 320

NO CHAIN DETACHED BUNGALOW

Maes Myllin, Llanfyllin



OC5014

This detached two bedroom bungalow is situated in a pleasant location within walking distance to Llanfyllin Town. The property offers spacious and well proportioned accommodation which comprises: Reception Hall, Kitchen Breakfast Room, Lounge Dining Room, Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bathroom, Double Garage, Ample Parking, Gardens to Front, Side and Rear. EPC C.

Price: £210,000

T: 01691 670 320

COTTAGE & LAND

Pen Y Parc, Moelfre



OC3977

This delightful character cottage is situated in a most enchanting rural position, secluded but not isolated. Offering three bedrooms, three reception rooms and a potential annexe (subject to planning consent). The grounds extend to 4.5 acres and offer excellent equestrian features, accompanied with the well established cottage gardens, this property with undoubtedly be of interest to keen gardeners and those with equestrian interests. EPC Rating F.

Price: £415,000

T: 01691 670 320

NO CHAIN SUPERB DETACHED

The Hall, Llanfyllin



OC5037

Believed to date from the 15th Century with later additions, The Hall is a particularly handsome residence offering versatile and well proportioned accommodation yet retaining many original features. Grade II Listed and reputedly visited by King Charles I in 1645. The Hall now provides an eight bedroom delightful family residence with great potential to satisfy a variety of requirements and set in delightful generously proportioned landscaped gardens with former barn currently used as a studio.

Price: £430,000

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5 BEDROOM DETACHED

The White House, Llwyn Y Go



OC4071

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HOUSE WITH LAND

Magnolia Cottage, Hengoed



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Price: £495,000

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NO CHAIN SUPERB DETACHED

Troad Y Cyrnau, Penybontfawr



359685

This luxury executive home has been designed to an exacting standard with accommodation throughout. Located in the heart of the Tanat Valley, the property benefits from Welsh countryside on the boundary with the hills in the distance. Environmentally friendly with solar panels and water harvesting system installed. Fully Equip Kitchen, Dining Room, Study, Lounge, Garden Room, Utility, WC, Two Master Suites, Three further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Gardens.

Price: £449,000

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NO CHAIN LOVELY HOUSE

Greystone Court, Oswestry



OC5053

This handsome property is charming and elegant, situated in a most convenient location within walking distance to Oswestry Town. This property offers a slice of grandeur with its own walled courtyard and elegant reception rooms. The accommodation comprises; Elegant Reception Hall, Drawing Room, Sitting Room, Kitchen Dining Room, Utility Room, Cloakroom, Cellar, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, Courtyard Garden, Gardens Garage, Parking.

Price: £279,950

T: 01691 670 320

THREE BEDROOMS

Blackfriars, Oswestry



OC5058

A spacious three bedroom end of terrace family home with generous size garden, parking, double glazing and gas fired central heating. The accommodation comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen Dining Room, Utility Room, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Covered Sitting Area, Two Sheds, Enclosed Rear Garden, Ample Parking, Front Garden.

Price: £135,000

T: 01691 670 320

NO CHAIN two bedrooms

Smale Rise, Oswestry



OC4063

This two bedroom semi detached property benefits from generous size rear garden, ample parking and conservatory, the property is warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from double glazing (UPVC where stated). The accommodation comprises: Covered Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen Dining Room, Conservatory, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front Garden, Carport, Rear Garden, Workshop.

Price: £129,950

T: 01691 670 320

PERIOD PROPERTY

Stewart Road, Oswestry



OC5060

A spacious THREE bedroom Victorian end of terrace home benefiting from TWO reception rooms and gas fired central heating. Located within easy walking distance to the town centre this property must be viewed to be appreciated. Retaining much character throughout. Reception Hall, Living Room, Sitting Room, Kitchen, Utility Room, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Nursery/Home Office, Bathroom, Side Garden with Sheds.

Price: £169,950

T: 01691 670 320

Human habitats offer a safe, warm environment

TODAY we enter autumn. It may not be the official start of the season but nonetheless it's often a rather neat reality that autumn fits nicely into and within the month of October.

It may be the end of the summer and our thoughts might turn to colder, bleaker days ahead but in fact this month can be the most exciting in the whole wildlife calendar.

We welcome back migrants, not from the south as we did in spring, but from the harsher lands to the north of the UK.

Fieldfares, redwings, waxwings and the odd snow bunting or two.

Salmon make their extraordinary dash up the rivers this month whereas on dry land the red and fallow deer stags are in bloody battle.

But it's not just the big and bold, the exotic and new that should hold our attention this month.

Many of our invertebrates are busy seeking out safe and warm places to enable them to see the winter through.

And seeing as the end of the month may well encourage a turn of the thermostat in the red direction, a lot of those animals turn to human habitation for warmth and security.

My house is no different – although perhaps more welcoming than some?

For along with the butterflies and ladybirds in the outhouse, there are less popular, but equally fascinating species on the move.

I return now to an animal we discussed

ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams



earlier in the year, the very noble false widow spider; for it was she that I found on the window sill this week. *Steatoda nobilis* probably arrived in the UK from the Canary Islands. But seeing as there's been such a lot of media hype (and utter nonsense) this year, it was actually first recorded in Torquay, Devon, back in 1879. Since then it has adapted well to our colder climate.

False widows belong to a group of spiders which are part of the same family as the infamous black widow spiders, although they are nowhere near as toxic.

This irrational fear of them actually gave them their common name.

They're frequently mistaken for black widows and so have been dubbed "false widow" spiders.

False widows have a reputation for biting people, although in truth, this is quite a rare occurrence. You would need to be very unlucky, or go out of your way to be bitten. They only bite to a bee sting. Indeed it seems very harsh indeed to blame the 'noble' false widow, but the reason why the tabloids have, soon becomes clear.

There are six species of false widow spiders (*steatoda*). The most common of these are *S. bipunctata*, *S. grossa* and *S. nobilis*. *S. bipunctata* (rabbit hutch spider) is not



This false widow spider found her way into Ben's home. In reality, they rarely bite.

known to bite and is extremely common throughout Britain. *S. grossa* (cupboard spider) resembles the black widow spiders more than the others and also packs a painful bite. This spider has long been considered native to the UK and until recently attracted very little attention.

The false widow spider that has received

most of the attention is *S. nobilis*, the noble false widow. Why so? Because it's slightly larger in size to the others and of course, as I found out recently, it prefers a warmer, cosier indoor environment, making it more likely to come into contact with humans. I certainly feel one of the lucky ones!

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Conferencetold of worries over general practices

A LEADING GP is warning that general practice in England and Wales is in danger of collapsing well before the next general election unless the government is realistic about its demands for a seven days a week routine service.

Dr Peter Holden, special adviser to the BMA General Practitioners Committee on premises, out of hours care and rural matters, says GPs already provide 24/7 emergency cover and always have done.

What changed in 2004 was that responsibility for arranging the cover transferred away from GPs to the Local Health Boards in Wales and Primary Care Trusts in England. He led a debate about the Government's proposed seven days a week opening of GP practices for routine care on the eve of the annual Rural Primary Care conference in Mid Wales.

The conference, held at Gregynog Hall, near Newtown this week, brought together rural GPs, trainee doctors, practice nurses and managers from across Wales and England. "General practice is currently functioning only because of the professionalism and dedication of doctors, nurses and staff, but the daytime pressures, let alone those out of hours, are becoming impossible and therefore not sustainable in the long term," said Dr Holden, who has been a GP for 32 years.

He revealed that GP practices in England and Wales receive average funding of £140 per patient, which is less than the price of a television licence.

"For that you can have unlimited consultations, the services of all the staff, the surgery facilities and the GPs," he said.

"Where in the world would you get that level of professional service for that amount of money?"

"The system is in danger of collapse before 2020 because by then the critical mass of GPs will have retired."

"Twenty-eight per cent of GPs are now over the age of 58 and 40 per cent are over 55."

It's now a question of how long people can remain standing.

Morale amongst GPs is very low and many practices are one retirement or long term sickness away from collapsing. "Many practices can't afford a locum at up to £800 a day, even if they could find one."

Dr Holden said GPs already provided 24-hour coverage through the out of hours service, but to open seven days a week would add an extra 40 per cent to practice costs.



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Pointless Celebrities
5.30pm
Alexander Armstrong hosts a special Radio 1 and Radio 1Xtra edition of the general knowledge quiz. Clara Amfo and Trevor Nelson, Yasmin Evans and Greg James, Chris Stark and Scott Mills, and Dev Griffin and Sarah-Jane Crawford try to come up with the least likely correct answers.



Gardeners' World
6.55pm
Joe Swift meets fashion designer Zandra Rhodes, who explains how the flowers she likes to grow have influenced her work over the years. Plus, in the second of her films about botany, Carol Klein goes underground to unravel the mysteries of roots. Presented by Monty Don.



Rugby World Cup
7.15pm
England v Australia (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the Pool A contest. Presented by John Inverdale, with analysis from Clive Woodward, Jonny Wilkinson, Michael Lynagh, Jason Robinson and Danny Cipriani, and commentary by Nick Mullins, Lawrence Dallaglio and Ben Kay.



Celebrity Benchmark
7pm
Chris Ramsey and Joe Swash battle it out for the contestant's chair as Paddy McGuinness hosts another star-studded round of the game show. This week, Phil Tufnell, Susie Dent, Jason Byrne, Bobby George, Michelle Heaton, Louis Smith, Edwina Currie, Mark Watson and James Haskell take part.



Football League Tonight
9pm
Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches, including Leeds United v Birmingham City, Wolverhampton Wanderers v Huddersfield Town, Brighton & Hove Albion v Cardiff City, Wigan Athletic v Walsall, and Leyton Orient v Notts County.

BBC1	
6.00	Breakfast.
10.00	Saturday Kitchen Live. James Martin presents the cookery programme with help from chefs Andrew Wong and Vivek Singh, while actress Suranne Jones faces her food heaven or food hell.
11.30	James Martin: Home Comforts. The chef cooks in his own kitchen. (R)
12.00	BBC News; Weather.
12.10	Football Focus. Dan Walker previews the weekend's Premier League fixtures.
12.50	Saturday Sportsday. A look ahead at the day's events.
1.00	Rugby League: Super League Play-Offs. Tanya Arnold presents action from the semi-finals, as the line-up for the Grand Final was confirmed.
2.00	Bargain Hunt. Four teams of bargain hunters visit the Norfolk Showground as they compete to secure the most profitable items. Presented by Tim Wonnacott. (R)
3.00	Escape to the Continent. Anita Rani crosses the Channel to offer tips and advice to a buyer from East Sussex who is hoping to begin a new life abroad in the Dordogne region of France. (R)
4.00	Final Score. Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of this afternoon's results from the Premier League, Football League and Scotland.
5.10	BBC News.
5.20	Midlands Today; Weather.
5.30	Pointless Celebrities. An edition featuring Radio 1 and Radio 1Xtra presenters.
6.20	Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman host as the couples perform for the second time, and with the first pair leaving the competition tomorrow, this is when things start to get serious. The results can be seen tomorrow.
8.25	Doctor Who. When an underwater base comes under attack, the Doctor and Clara must save the frightened crew and defeat an impossible threat that appears to be turning the dead into ghosts.
9.10	Casualty. Iain and Dixie are pushed to the limit during a training exercise, while Dylan and Lofty treat an accident-prone patient. Hospital drama, starring William Beck and Lee Mead.
10.00	The National Lottery Live. The all-important winning numbers are revealed by Gaby Roslin, and her special guests the Vamps. They will be pushing the Lotto button.
10.10	BBC News; Weather.
10.30	Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester City v Newcastle United and Crystal Palace v West Bromwich Albion; National Lottery Update.
11.55	FILM: Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy (2004). A chauvinistic newsreader faces a battle of the sexes when an ambitious female reporter threatens his status. Comedy set in the 1970s, starring Will Ferrell.
1.25	Weather for the Week Ahead.
1.30	BBC News.

BBC2	
6.00	FILM: Gunga Din (1939). Action adventure, starring Cary Grant.
7.55	FILM: Dean Spanley (2008). Comedy drama, starring Sam Neill.
9.30	The Women's Football Show. (R)
10.00	Animal Park. (R)
10.30	More Creatures Great and Small. (R)
11.00	Animal SOS. (R)
11.30	Animal SOS. (R)
12.00	Great British Menu. The first of the Central region heats. (R)
12.30	Great British Menu. The three Central region chefs fight it out for the fish course. (R)
1.00	Great British Menu. (R)
1.30	Great British Menu. (R)
2.00	FILM: Silk Stockings (1957). Musical, starring Fred Astaire and Cyd Charisse.
3.55	Flog It! From Kidderminster, Worcestershire. Last in the series. (R)
4.55	World's Busiest Railway 2015. The team considers what the future holds for the city's commuters. Last in the series. (R)
5.55	The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure. Si and Dave sample life in Sweden. (R)
6.55	Gardeners' World. Fashion designer Zandra Rhodes explains how flowers influence her work. (R)
7.30	Natural World: Honey Badgers – Masters of Mayhem. A scientist, a beekeeper and a conservationist from South Africa set out to discover if the honey badger's reputation as one of the most fearless animals in the world is justified. (R)
8.25	Dad's Army. Private Godfrey is at the centre of controversy as the platoon questions whether he is brave enough for the job. (R)
9.00	Cradle to Grave. Fred contemplates his future away from the docks, while Danny finally enters Miss Blondell's darkroom. Sitcom, starring Peter Kay and Laurie Kynaston. (R)
9.30	Boy Meets Girl. Leo is given a trial at a car showroom, but he does not like his boss's inappropriate interest in Judy. Judy worries about his dad when he finds him reading about transsexuals. (R)
10.00	The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. Jo Brand looks back at this week's semi-final, which saw the remaining four hopefuls tackling chocolate, and chatting to the unlucky contestant who did not make it through. (R)
10.30	In Case You Missed It. Dara O Briain hosts a unique TV review show featuring The Jeremy Kyle Kids Show and The National Health Lottery, and a preview of Mary Berry's Powertools Special. (R)
11.00	FILM: Hunky Dory (2011). A teacher at a 1970s Welsh school persuades her students to stage a rock musical based on Shakespeare's The Tempest. Comedy drama, with Minnie Driver and Aneurin Barnard.
12.40	FILM: Skeletons (2010). Fantasy comedy, with Ed Gaughan and Andrew Buckley.
2.15	This is BBC2.

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9.25	ITV News.
9.30	The Unforgettable Frankie Howard. A tribute to the outrageous comedian whose throwaway one-liners and catchphrases hid the troubled soul of a man tortured by nerves, neuroses and guilt about his homosexuality. (R)
10.00	All Star Family Fortunes. Impressionist Jon Culshaw and Emmerdale star Fiona Wade (Priya Sharma) team up with their families in an attempt to win a jackpot of £30,000 for charity. Vernon Kay hosts. (R)
10.45	The X Factor. The Boot Camp contestants perform for the judges in a country house, hoping to win one of the coveted places in the Six Chair Challenge. Presented by Olly Murs and Caroline Flack. (R)
12.45	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
12.55	Downton Abbey. Cora and Violet clash over plans for the hospital, Lady Mary's meddling lands Carson in trouble, Thomas struggles to find a job, and Anna finds fresh hope on a trip to London. (R)
2.00	Rugby World Cup. Samoa v Japan (Kick-off 2.30pm). Coverage of the Pool B clash from Stadium mk in Milton Keynes, as the teams play their third match of the tournament.
4.20	Rugby World Cup. South Africa v Scotland (Kick-off 4.45pm). Coverage of the Pool B clash from St James' Park in Newcastle, as the teams play their third match of the tournament.
6.50	ITV News Central; Weather.
7.00	ITV News and Weather.
7.15	Rugby World Cup. England v Australia (Kick-off 8.00pm). John Inverdale presents coverage of the Pool A contest from Twickenham, as the teams play their third match of the tournament.
10.15	Through the Keyhole. Keith Lemon snoops around the homes of three mystery celebrities, inviting Mark Wright, Janet Street-Porter and Vernon Kay to guess their identities.
11.15	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
11.35	Rugby World Cup Highlights. Samoa v Japan, South Africa v Scotland and England v Australia. Mark Durden-Smith presents action from the matches staged at Stadium mk, St James' Park and Twickenham respectively.
12.35	Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00	Show Me the Telly. Quiz show, hosted by Richard Bacon. Stars of the small screen pit their wits against members of the public in a game of TV trivia. (R)
3.50	ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

Channel 4	
6.15	How I Met Your Mother. Robin invites Ted to her flat. (R)
6.40	How I Met Your Mother. Lily and Robin watch a school prom. (R)
7.05	World Mountain Running Championships. Action from the event in Snowdonia, Wales.
8.00	The Morning Line. Racing preview, with Rishi Persad.
9.00	Frasier. The new man in Roz's life befriends Frasier. (R)
9.30	Frasier. Dr Mary steals the limelight from Frasier. (R)
10.00	The Big Bang Theory. Penny gets fired from the movie. (R)
10.25	The Big Bang Theory. Sheldon is upset about his career. (R)
10.50	Come Dine with Me. Laetitia Kotsiopoulos hosts the first dinner party in Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. (R)
11.25	Come Dine with Me. Eva Philippou hosts the second night in Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. (R)
11.55	Come Dine with Me. Publican Randy Johnson hosts in Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. (R)
12.25	Come Dine with Me. Sharon Wozniak hosts the fourth party in Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. (R)
12.55	Come Dine with Me. Patrick McMurray hosts the final party in Sutton Coldfield. (R)
1.30	Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot, Newmarket and Redcar.
4.10	Channel 4 News.
4.35	Couples Come Dine with Me. Three sets of dinner-party hosts from Nottingham compete. (R)
5.20	Couples Come Dine with Me. Three pairs of partners compete in Nottinghamshire. (R)
6.05	Location, Location, Location. Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer are in south-west London, helping long-distance partners Jason and Jaye, and Hannah and Frank, who are searching for a family home. (R)
7.00	Celebrity Benchmark. Chris Ramsey and Joe Swash battle it out for a chance to win £50,000 for their chosen charity, as Paddy McGuinness hosts another star-studded round of the game show.
8.00	Britain's Best Loved Sitcoms. Part one of two. Tamsin Greig narrates this tribute to the shows that have made millions laugh over the past 50 years, including Dad's Army and Mrs Brown's Boys.
9.00	FILM: Bridesmaids (2011). A disorganised woman takes charge of her best friend's bridal party, but the wife of the groom's boss causes problems. Comedy, with Kristen Wiig, Rose Byrne and Melissa McCarthy.
11.30	FILM: Hope Springs (2012). A middle-aged couple head to a remote retreat for a week of therapy to revive their tired marriage. Romantic comedy, with Meryl Streep, Tommy Lee Jones and Steve Carell.
1.25	Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R)
2.20	Hollyoaks. (R)
4.25	Holly's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. (R)
4.35	Deal or No Deal. (R)
5.25	Fifteen to One. (R)

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10.00	SpongeBob SquarePants.
10.35	Access.
10.50	Cowboy Builders. The team sets out to repair the Murrays' family home in Blackpool. (R)
11.50	Cowboy Builders. (R)
12.50	FILM: Crazy for Christmas (2005). Family drama, starring Andrea Roth.
2.45	FILM: A Christmas Kiss (2011). Romantic drama, with Laura Breckenridge and Brendan Fehr.
4.30	FILM: Help for Christmas (2012). Fantasy, starring Summer Glau.
6.10	Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Kevin Stokes and Brian O'Shaughnessy chase a £16,000 debt run up by a coach company and Stewart McCracken and Elmor Victor face a heartbreaking house repossession. (R)
7.05	Funnist Fails, Falls & Flops. This week's collection of viral videos features a woman who decides to conduct a yoga session too close to the sea and a junior weightlifter who smashes a fish tank.
7.35	Funnist Fails, Falls & Flops. This week's collection of videos focuses on the theme of being in the wrong place at the wrong time, and features a pub worker who does not realise a cellar door is open.
8.00	Now That's Funny! The series showcasing the most hilarious internet videos continues with a woman attempting to break a world record with marshmallows.
8.55	5 News Weekend.
9.00	Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches, including Leeds United v Birmingham City.
10.30	Michael Buble's Christmas Special. The Grammy-winning Canadian crooner performs classic festive songs, featuring duets with Mary J Blige, Mariah Carey and the Cookie Monster. Part of Channel 5's Christmas Comes Early season. (R)
11.25	My Crazy Christmas Obsession. First of a two-part documentary about people obsessed with the festive period, beginning by following four American households who take decorations to the extreme. Part of Channel 5's Christmas Comes Early season. (R)
12.25	The Gadget Show. (R)
1.20	SuperCasino. (R)
3.10	The Yorkshire Vet. (R)
4.00	Body Donors. (R)
4.50	Make It Big. (R)
5.20	Make It Big. (R)
5.45	Angels of Jarm. (R)
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Match of the Day 2
10.30pm
Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Everton v Liverpool, and Arsenal v Manchester United. The Reds were aiming to extend their unbeaten run against their Merseyside rivals to 11 matches With analysis from Alan Shearer and Ian Wright.



Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week
9pm
Andrew Flintoff brings the contenders home for the final challenge, as they undertake 48 hours of gruelling training with the British SAS. The six recruits are confronted with an assortment of intense physical and mental challenges that few soldiers are selected for.



Rugby World Cup
4.20pm
Ireland v Italy (Kick-off 4.45pm). Coverage of the Pool D match, which takes place at the Olympic Stadium. Presented by John Inverdale, with analysis from Brian O'Driscoll, George Gregan and Lawrence Dallaglio, and commentary by Jon Champion, Geordan Murphy and Ben Kay.



This Is England '90
9pm
Shane Meadows' gritty chronicle of working-class life in the Midlands concludes with this, the last entry in the the 1990-set tale, and the final part of the decade-spanning story of Woody, Lol, Shaun and friends. As winter arrives, there is a promise of new beginnings for Combo, Woody and Lol.



Hancock
7.10pm
A reluctant, alcoholic superhero ends up the most hated man in LA thanks to his habit of causing mayhem while trying to do good. However, when he saves the life of a PR guru, the grateful executive sets about transforming his public perception. Comedy, starring Will Smith and Jason Bateman.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.**
7.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester City v Newcastle United and Crystal Palace v West Bromwich Albion. (R)
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. Sian Williams hosts topical debate covering the moral and ethical issues of the day, and Supremes singer Mary Wilson offers an insight into her life in the music industry.
10.00 Sunday Morning Live. Sian Williams hosts topical debate covering the moral and ethical issues of the day, and Supremes singer Mary Wilson offers an insight into her life in the music industry.
11.00 Sunday Politics. The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
12.15 MOTD2 Extra.
1.00 BBC News; Weather.
1.15 Bargain Hunt. From Epsom Racecourse. (R)
2.00 The Great British Bake Off. The remaining bakers compete in the semi finals, taking on three chocolate-themed challenges in a bid to impress Mary and Paul – tarts, souffles, and chocolate centrepieces. (R)
3.00 Eat Well for Less? Gregg Wallace and Chris Bavin help a Loughborough family eat better. Last in the series. (R)
4.00 Points of View. Viewers' comments.
4.15 Songs of Praise. A special solo performance by former Westlife star Shane Filan.
4.50 The Great British Bake Off Class of 2014.
5.50 BBC News.
6.10 Midlands Today; Weather.
6.15 Countryfile. Anita Rani visits the Leighton Moss RSPB reserve in Lancashire, which Helen Skelton meets the kayakers who dare to brave the fast-moving tides of Morecambe Bay. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman host the results show, as the judges choose between the two couples with the lowest scores. Rod Stewart provides the music.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the show from Durham Cathedral, where finds include a carriage clock, an early drawing by Laura Knight, and a 19th-century missionary's medical kit.
9.00 From Darkness. New series. A former police officer is dragged back into the world of law enforcement by the discovery of four bodies linked to her old cases. Crime drama, starring Anne-Marie Duff.
10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Midlands Today; Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Everton v Liverpool, Arsenal v Manchester United and Swansea City v Tottenham Hotspur.
11.45 The Women's Football Show. Jacqui Oatley and guests review the conclusion to the FA WSL season, with fixtures including Manchester City Ladies Notts County Ladies and Chelsea Ladies v Sunderland Ladies.
12.25 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.30 BBC News.

BBC2

- 6.15 The Instant Gardener.** Transforming a roof terrace in Basingstoke. (R)
7.00 Countryfile. This year's One Man and His Dog competition, from Chirk Castle, Wales. (R)
8.00 Gardeners' World. Fashion designer Zandra Rhodes explains how flowers influence her work. (R)
8.30 The Beechgrove Garden. George Anderson visits an orchard in Coldstream.
9.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. Highlights of the series.
10.30 Great British Menu. The last two Central region chefs cook all four courses again. (R)
11.00 Live Athletics. The Great Scottish Run.
2.00 NFL Live. Miami Dolphins v New York Jets (Kick-off 2.30pm).
6.00 Super League Play-Offs. Tanya Arnold introduces action from the Million Pound Game, which decided who claimed the final place in next season's Super League.
7.00 Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise. The programme follows the path of the relentless wind sweeping east through Patagonia's dry desert, revealing the animals and people carving out a home in the arid environment. (R)
8.00 Licence to Thrill – Paul Hollywood Meets Aston Martin. The Great British Bake Off's Paul Hollywood indulges his passion for Aston Martin cars, test-driving various models, and making an attempt to join one of Aston's racing teams.
9.00 Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week. Andrew Flintoff puts the contenders through the final challenge, as they undertake a gruelling 48 hours of mental and physical challenges with the British SAS. Last in the series.
10.00 Family Guy. Joe decides to embrace life by quitting his job with the police and taking the guys on a road trip to the Niagara Falls, where he makes an unexpected decision.
10.20 Family Guy. Bobby Briggs, the criminal who crippled Joe years before, breaks out of jail – but he does not bargain on the community's hostile reception, led by Peter, Joe and Quagmire.
10.45 Family Guy. Lois is not looking forward to her birthday, so she decides to turn her life around by adopting a different, younger lifestyle.
11.05 Top Coppers. New series. Police crime drama spoof, following the exploits of Justice City detectives John Mahogany and Mitch Rust. Starring Steen Raskopoulos and John Kearns. Previously seen on BBC3.
11.35 FILM: Lucky Them (2013). Premiere. A journalist is assigned to track down a rock star she once had a relationship with, who has since disappeared. Comedy drama, with Toni Collette and Thomas Haden Church.
1.05 FILM: Love (2011). Sci-fi drama, starring Gunner Wright.
2.25 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R)
3.20 Sign Zone: Holby City. (R)
4.20 This Is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes.

ITV

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9.25 Murder, She Wrote. A tennis star's boyfriend is murdered. (R)
9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)
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11.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)
12.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)
1.45 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
2.00 Rugby World Cup. Argentina v Tonga (Kick-off 2.30pm).
4.20 Rugby World Cup. Ireland v Italy (Kick-off 4.45pm). John Inverdale presents coverage of the third Pool D match for both teams, which takes place at the Olympic Stadium in London.
6.45 ITV News Central; Weather.
6.55 ITV News and Weather.
7.00 The X Factor. The first round of the Six Chair Challenge arrives, as Simon Cowell, Rita Ora, Nick Grimshaw and Cheryl Fernandez-Versini select acts to coach through to the contest's later stages.
9.00 Downton Abbey. Mr Carson and Mrs Hughes' wedding arrives, bringing with it a few unexpected guests. Meanwhile, as tensions mount over the hospital takeover, Isobel offends a friend.
10.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.15 Rugby World Cup Highlights. Argentina v Tonga and Ireland v Italy. Mark Durden-Smith presents action from the latest matches, which took place at Leicester City Stadium and the Olympic Stadium respectively.
11.15 Perspectives: The Great American Love Song with Nicky Campbell. The broadcaster reveals his passion for the music of 1920s and 1930s New York, choosing six timeless love songs from the era and finding out about the artists who wrote them. (R)
12.20 Murder, She Wrote. A reveller is murdered at the New Orleans Mardi Gras – and suspicion falls on Jessica's cousin Calhoun. Luckily, the amateur sleuth just happens to be paying a visit. (R)
1.15 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 Motorsport UK. Highlights from Knockhill, featuring the Renault UK Clio Cup and Ginetta GT4 Supercup. Commentary by Richard John Neil.
3.50 ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.
5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4

- 6.20 How I Met Your Mother.** Lily secretly applies for a scholarship. (R)
6.40 How I Met Your Mother. Ted makes a last-ditch attempt to win Robin's love. (R)
7.05 Caterham Motorsport. Action from a recent race at Oulton Park.
7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. Part one of two. Marie surprises the family. (R)
8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. Part two of two. Robert falls in love. (R)
8.30 Frasier. The shrink receives an award. (R)
9.00 Frasier. The shrink takes his son camping. (R)
9.30 Sunday Brunch. With The Vamps, Patrick Kielly and Alice Roberts.
12.30 Channel 4 Racing: Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Including the feature race at 2.55.
4.00 The Simpsons. Marge invites Nelson Muntz to stay. (R)
4.30 FILM: School of Rock (2003). Comedy, starring Jack Black.
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Homes by the Sea. New series. Charlie Luxton visits seaside properties across Britain, beginning in Cornwall, where he visits a listed engine house at Porthowan and a tithe barn in Bude. Previously seen on More4.
8.00 Cleopatra's Lost Tomb. An insight into the work of archaeologist Dr Kathleen Martinez, whose unorthodox theories led to the discovery of a tomb that may be the final resting place of Egypt's last queen.
9.00 This Is England '90. Shane Meadows' decade-spanning chronicle concludes as the winter of 1990 arrives, bringing with it promise of new beginnings for Combo, Woody and Lol. Last in the series.
10.40 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (R)
11.45 Embarrassing Bodies: The 36-Stone Woman. The doctors catch up with Patience, who at 36-stone was morbidly obese when she first sought help with her weight, and has spent two years trying to gain control of her body. Previously seen on More4.
12.45 FILM: The Stone Roses: Made of Stone (2013). Documentary in which film-maker Shane Meadows follows the rock band as they prepare for their 2012 reunion concerts. Featuring archive material from across the group's history.
2.30 Come Dine with Me. Claudine Stevens hosts the first dinner party in Birmingham. (R)
2.55 Come Dine with Me. Katie Smith hosts the second party in Birmingham. (R)
3.20 Come Dine with Me. Kishor Paw hosts the third Birmingham dinner-party challenge. (R)
3.45 Come Dine with Me. Mike Olley hosts the final dinner party in Birmingham. (R)
4.10 Fifteen to One. General knowledge quiz. (R)
5.00 Location, Location, Location.

Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas **6.20** Angelina Ballerina **6.30** Pip Ahoy! **6.45** Ticky Toc **6.55** Chloe's Closet **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.15** Make Way for Noddy **7.25** Paw Patrol **7.50** Little Princess **7.55** Wanda and the Alien **8.05** Zack and Quack **8.20** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.35** Jelly Jamm **8.55** LazyTown **9.20** Dora and Friends **9.50** SpongeBob SquarePants. Double bill. SpongeBob tries to stop crying.
10.25 Football League Tonight. Highlights and all the goals from the Championship, League One and League Two. (R)
11.55 Access. Showbiz news and gossip. (R)
12.05 The Dog Rescuers at Xmas with Alan Davies. The comedian throws a party for some of the stars of the last series. (R)
1.05 My Crazy Christmas Obsession. Part one of two. Four American households who take festive decorating to the extreme. (R)
2.10 FILM: My Santa (2013). Drama, starring Samira Armstrong.
3.50 FILM: The Horse Whisperer (1998). Drama, starring Robert Redford.
7.05 5 News Weekend.
7.10 FILM: Hancock (2008). A PR executive decides to transform the image of a drunken superhero whose careless crime-fighting often does more harm than good. Comedy, starring Will Smith and Charlize Theron. Edited for pre-watershed broadcast.
9.00 FILM: That's My Boy (2012). Premiere. A man about to get married finds the big day gatercrashed by his irresponsible father, who wants to rebuild their relationship. Comedy, with Adam Sandler and Andy Samberg.
11.20 FILM: I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry (2007). A fireman asks a male colleague to pretend to marry him to get round a problem with his late wife's life insurance policy. Comedy, with Adam Sandler, Kevin James and Jessica Biel.
1.30 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10 Nevada Triangle: The Missing Evidence. Theories as to the causes of so many apparently unexplained air crashes in the mountains of America's Sierra Nevada, ranging from the testing of alien technology to freak storms. (R)
4.00 House Doctor. Ann Maurice and Alistair Appleton help for Milton Keynes, where they help a couple desperate to sell their home and move to France. (R)
4.25 Make It Big. Keiron hits a snag while confirming the acts. (R)
4.50 Make It Big. The day of the event arrives, and the team struggles to ensure everything is organised with only five hours to go before the celebrities turn up. (R)
5.20 Make It Big. The raffle money goes missing. (R)
5.45 Angels of Jarm. (R)
5.50 Angels of Jarm. (R)

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Cinema listings

EVEREST (12A)



High drama – 8/10
Everest is a slickly orchestrated recreation of an ill-fated ascent to 29,029 feet above sea level, where altitude sickness silently stalks the most experienced climbers. Rob Hall (Jason Clarke) and Scott Fischer (Jake Gyllenhaal) lead rival expeditions, racing against one another and the elements to ensure their clients are on top of the world.

BILL (PG)



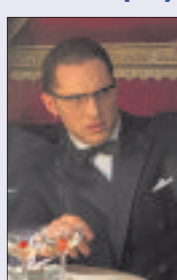
History play-ed up – 7/10
In this new take on the tale of our favourite bard from the Horrible Histories crew, William Shakespeare is a self-doubting dreamer, who squanders his talent in an Elizabethan boy band called Mortal Coil. At the film's heart is Bill (Mathew Baynton), who dreams of becoming a playwright, which would mean transplanting his family to London.

A WALK IN THE WOODS (15)



A walk in the park – 8/10
Imagine two ill-prepared, grouchy old men undertaking the same physical exertions as Reese Witherspoon in the Oscar nominated biographical drama Wild and you'll be well prepared for this hugely entertaining trip through the sprawling American outdoors. The film rests on the sturdy shoulders of Redford and Nolte who are a delicious double-act.

LEGEND (18)



Double act – 6/10
Tom Hardy portrays both Ronnie and Reggie Kray in Brian Helgeland's brutal portrait of the notorious gangsters. On the mean streets of London, the Krays continue a brutal turf war with Charlie Richardson (Paul Bettany) and remain one step ahead of Detective Superintendent Leonard 'Nipper' Read (Christopher Eccleston) as Reggie embarks on a giddy romance.

Welcome back, Boycie

Report by James Pugh

ONLY Fools and Horses star Boycie kicked-off his new tour of the UK by performing in Market Drayton.

Boycie, aka actor John Challis, who lives near Ludlow, performed at the town's Festival Drayton Centre.

He held his talk show, Only Fools and Boycie, where he revealed the secrets from the set with stories and anecdotes from his career.

Having worked with some of the biggest names in show business, he spilled the beans about Only Fools and Horses co-stars like Sir David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst and friends and fellow performers like The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Oliver Reed and George Best.

Pictures

He also recalled tales from his time in Dr Who, Coronation Street and other TV classics during Friday night's show.

Mr Challis also met fans after the show to sign autographs and pose for pictures, while signing copies of his autobiography, Being Boycie, and novel, Reggie: A Stag At Bay.

He said: "I have been doing the show for a couple of years and started off on cruise ships. I tell a lot of stories, including some of the situations I have found myself in."

"It went so well last time they have invited me back. I find the people of Shropshire very accommodating."

Geoff Vernon, chairman of the centre,



Boycie at the Festival Drayton Centre where he returned to kick off his latest UK tour

said: "It is always nice to have a familiar face perform at the Festival Drayton Centre."

"It represents a positive start to our autumn season of live events."

"He has performed here once before and

it is always nice to welcome people back."

Mr Challis has a staggering 50,000 followers on Twitter, which makes him one of Britain's most influential veteran Tweeters.

He will next be performing in Shropshire

at Telford's Oakengates Theatre @ The Place in November.

For more details about forthcoming events at the Festival Drayton Centre visit www.festivaldraytoncentre.com

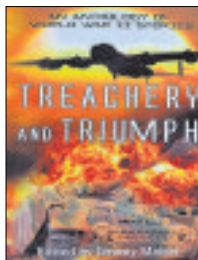
Book reviews

TREACHERY AND TRIUMPH

Published by Pneuma Springs Publishing

This is an anthology of stories from World War Two, with the contributors taking a range of different approaches, with fact and reminiscence, fiction, and that grey area in which the stories are based on true events, a format which gives leeway to the imagination. To use the old cliché, there is love and loss, as well as gruesome depictions of death and injury which do not pull the punches.

One of the writers is Steve Morris, who comes from Audlem, whose chapter, Darkness and Light, is based on a true



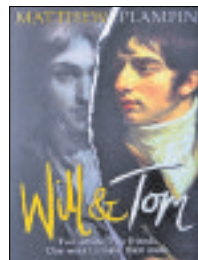
account of an escape from Auschwitz. In 1942 six prisoners got away from the concentration camp by dressing as Nazi officers and driving out through the main gate.

By Toby Neal

WILL AND TOM

By Matthew Plampin
Published by The Borough Press

Take two great 18th century artists and add the imagination and skill of an excellent modern writer and you have a superb historical novel. That is Will And Tom – JMW Turner and his friend, the great rival of his young life, Tom Girtton. Matthew Plampin has conjured up a meeting between the two young men at Harewood House in Yorkshire in the summer of 1797 – not an impossible scenario as Turner was known to have visited the grand home of the Lascelles family to carry out a num-



ber of commissions. The young Turner, a Cockney born into comparative poverty, is out of his depth socially but Girtton revels in the social melee of one of Britain's rising families.

By Deborah Knox

OUR KOREAN KITCHEN

By Jordan Bourke & Rejina Pyo
Published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson

Chinese, Thai, Japanese are among the most familiar Far Eastern styles of cuisine but Asia's best-kept secret, Korean cookery, really does deserve to be better known in Britain. There are a handful of Korean restaurants in the West Midlands and those that have tried them soon become enthusiasts for such dishes as bibimbap (rice with meat and/or veg which has a sizzling version cooked in a stone bowl) and the ubiquitous kimchi (fermented cabbage, like



sauerkraut with a chilli kick). Irish chef Jordan Bourke and his Korean wife, fashion designer Rejina Pyo, introduce its staple ingredients, which are becoming more easily available in the UK.

By Leon Burakowski



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Work by Kay Boyce is on display at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry



Faith Brackenbury and John Neilson will be playing at the Willow Gallery

Town gallery stages art and music events

A NEW exhibition has opened at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry.

The exhibition features work by Kay Boyce, The Batik Guild and various local artists on.

The exhibition runs until October 24 at the Willow Street premises.

Kay Boyce is exhibiting a selection of drawings, pastels and prints with the introduction of the new limited edition print *Sleeping Beauty*.

She said the work showed images of still life and female figures.

The artist added: "I have had a busy time since showing my work last at the Willow Gallery which has taken me to exhibiting in America and regularly in London and of course permanently with Haynes Fine Art in the Cotswolds.

"I love to draw and paint especially different fabrics added to the grace of the female form and hope you will come and enjoy them too."

It is not just art which will be entertaining visitors to the Willow Gallery in the coming weeks.

Music will be coming to the Willow Gallery when Faith Brackenbury and John Neilson perform on October 17.

Faith Brackenbury and John Neilson have played together since 2013.

Their concerts include original instrumental music on fiddle, piano and accordion, leavened with shorter pieces reflecting their background in traditional music, and the occasional song.

Faith, who plays fiddle, viola and piano, played classical violin as a child but was soon drawn into folk music, then jazz, which she went on to study at Brunel University and Birmingham Conservatoire.

She plays in several combos and also composes.

Her playing with John draws on the many strands of her musical background.

John, who plays accordion, piano and bouzouki, is mostly known as an accordionist and writer of tunes, having co-founded various outfits over the years including Manticore, Francisco the Man and Bosco,

SPECIAL REPORT

By Pam Kingsley

who all did their own thing with traditional music. Further music will be performed at the Willow Gallery when the Sarah Smith Trio plays on November 7.

Ranging from the Gypsy Jazz of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli, Celtic Aires, and standards from The Great American Songbook the performance will meet a variety of taste.

Described as one of the most exciting young violinists playing on the jazz scene today, Sarah Smith will play with Tim Smith on guitar and Oli Smith on bass.

Evening meals are available at the Willow Eatery for the live music events.

A relaxing and spacious eatery, it runs independently within the gallery.

In the evenings it offers home-cooked meals and desserts prior to music events.

Table bookings are taken between 6pm to 7pm with pre-orders essential.

Dietary requirements can be catered to.

A licensed bar is available offering a selection of beers, wines, cider and the occasional cocktail option, as well as the usual range of coffees, soft drinks and snacks.

Meanwhile the Oswestry Wine Club was due to hold its inaugural event this evening (Thursday) at the Willow Gallery

The first Oswestry Wine Club event was an evening of fabulous French wines and canapés at the Willow Gallery.

For more information about the club, contact Twelve Green Bottles for bookings on (01691) 650160.

Meanwhile members of Oswestry Musical Theatre Company are in rehearsals for their annual pantomime.

This year the production will be *Once Upon A Time* and it will run in December.

Cast members, including Eddie Edwards as the Mad Hatter, recently popped into Baby Bird Cafe in Oswestry to spread the word about the show.

Visit the group's website for more information.



Members of the Oswestry Musical Theatre Company popped in for a spot of tea at Baby Bird Cafe in Oswestry. Eddie Edwards as The Mad Hatter meets Morgan Richards.

Oswestry Makes 2015 festival will celebrate art and craft

DOZENS of woolly garden vegetables, insects and birds have been created for a festival celebrating crafts.

The items will form a textile allotment in Oswestry Library as part of the Oswestry Makes 2015 festival.

The festival theme this year is 'Dyed in the Wool' and exhibits are welcomed that feature wool either knitted, crocheted, felted, or sewn or exhibits in any other media on the theme. Festival organiser Debbie Marais, from Oswestry Library, said: "As part of the exhibition we are growing a life-size community textile allotment, so you could choose to make something for that. We have had some fabulous things made so far including life size felted owls, a basket of knitted vegetables and even a woven beehive."

Submissions for the exhibition have opened and there is no charge to submit work.

The exhibition will run from Saturday to October 31.

It will be officially launched on Saturday with live music and a poet in residence inspired by the exhibits, as well as



volunteers from Shropshire Wildlife Trust and Oswestry Gardening Society talking to people about growing things and gardening for wildlife.

The Oswestry Makes festival runs from October 9 to 11 with all manner of creative workshops in various venues around the town including Pincushion, CHALK, the Willow Gallery and the Memorial Hall.

Meanwhile if it is music more than crafts that spark your interest, the opening concert of the Shropshire Music Trust's new season of events will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry, on October 17.

The Academy of Ancient Music will present a concert led by Pavlo Besnosniuk director and violinist, who will also introduce the concert in a pre-talk at 6.45pm.

Director of Shropshire Music Trust, Kate Hogwood, said: "The season will open with a concert that will 'cross over to the dark side of the classical era' in this exciting dark and brooding exploration of minor-mode works – it's an exhilarating journey to intense tonal areas, rarely trod by composers of the age.

"The symphony in the 18th century often played a functional role: to open concerts, theatre performances and church services, and as an aural background for social events as well as for civic and state occasions."

Tickets are available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/smt, or from Booka Bookshop in Oswestry or from Wind-band in Shrewsbury on (01743) 367482.

● Photo – A basket of knitted vegetables has been created for the Oswestry Makes 2015 festival

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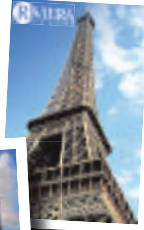
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All change for the first day back at school



First day... Head Donald Mackay with head boy



The full line-up of staff

BACK to school! But 50 years ago that meant all change in Market Drayton.

It was goodbye to the town's grammar school and the Grove secondary modern, and hello to the new Grove comprehensive, which opened its doors on September 14, 1965, which was a Tuesday, with around 950 pupils on the roll, of whom nearly 200 were in their first year.

Well, were you there? If you were, you were a pioneer pupil - and if you can remember your first day, do drop us a line to share your memories and first impressions.

The coming together of the two schools also united the two bodies of staff, and the new comprehensive school boasted 47 full time teachers and seven part time teachers, under headmaster Donald Mackay.

In those early days the new school was not all on one site. The senior pupils were accommodated at the former modern school at The Grove, while the junior school was in the old grammar school buildings. The first head boy at the new school was John Cooper, with Jennifer Fleet head girl. Their deputies were John Farnell and Sandra Hayward.

The contemporary Newport & Market Drayton Advertiser noted: "The birth of comprehensive education in Market Drayton has not been an easy task. Stalwarts of tradition opposed it; a petition of protest changed hands and a former Minister of Education, Sir Edward Boyle, visited the town and spoke in favour of the venture.

"Although there are still a few people who feel that the new idea in education - at least to Market Drayton - will eventually founder, many have had a change of heart and now support it.

"But generally the atmosphere is electric with expectancy. Like the launching of a new ship, so will be the school. Named and in service, work on additional buildings and extensions will continue until late 1969. Only then will the school be a single working unit and all the pupils under one roof."

Are you still paying attention? If not, we come on to the subject of how to punish you. But don't worry, head Mr Mackay said that the cane would only be employed in extreme cases as a last resort - and if you are too young to know what getting the cane was, it meant getting a whack with a stick, sometimes on your hand, but on your backside if you deserved the full measure.

Mr Mackay said that if a child gave examples of bad work, which the child knew could be bettered, he or she would be "placed on report." This would involve a child showing future work to a teacher and it being discussed between them.

For offences such as laziness and rudeness a child would be "placed on detention."

And to erase the offence a child would have to serve a useful purpose to the school or the community.

Among those to have had relaxed their opposition to the school, albeit conditionally, was the chairman of Market Drayton Grammar and Grove Secondary Schools Parent-Teacher Association, Mr Ron Farrell.

He told the Advertiser at the time: "I was one of the people who opposed comprehensive education coming to Market Drayton. But now I feel it would be quite disloyal of me to continue my attitude until we have had results from the new scheme."



Jane Winstone, a pioneering woman aviator in New Zealand, met her death in wartime Shropshire.



Jane Winstone in pre-war days



Second Officer Mary Nicholson, an American, was killed in May 1943

Research into role of women pilots at war

SEVENTY-FIVE years ago a battle in the skies above Britain was reaching its climax, with those airborne warriors of the RAF forever remembered today as **The Few**.

While the exploits of the young men during the Battle of Britain are the stuff of legend, not so well known is the role of women pilots in the Second World War who, although they did not fly in combat, nevertheless sometimes gave their lives.

And the story of one such woman pilot who was killed in Shropshire has been researched by aviation historian Stephen King.

Jane Winstone, who was born in Wanganui, New Zealand, travelled half way across the world to "do her bit" during the Second World War.

She had learned to fly as a schoolgirl, going solo at the age of 17, making her that country's youngest female pilot at the time.

She gained her pilot's licence at the age of 19, and flew in many air pageants in New Zealand. She served in the Air Transport Auxiliary based at RAF Cosford, which was a huge base during the Second World War, and had one of only two all-women ferry pilot pools. The role of the unit was to ferry Spitfires and other aircraft to the places where they were needed, and using women pilots meant, of course, that male pilots were freed up for other operational roles.

One of Jane's more unusual assignments had been delivering a Gloster Gladiator biplane for use in a film - this was probably a film shot on location at RAF Rednal, near Oswestry, in 1943. Filming however was later abandoned and the movie, which had been about aerial exploits during the fall of Greece, was never completed.

She met her death on February 10, 1944, at the age of 31. Second Officer Winstone of the ATA took off in a Spitfire at 10.20am on a ferry flight, her intended destination being RAF Colerne in Wiltshire. However, she was quickly in trouble. Once airborne the engine cut twice, and then cut out completely.

Attempting to get back to the airfield and at a height of 600ft, she is said to have put on too much right rudder, and the aircraft stalled and spun into the ground on the edge of Tong Lake.

As was normal, there was a Court of Inquiry, which could not completely prove the fault, but felt the most likely cause was boost control aneroid failure. Miss Winstone was exonerated of any blame.

She had been a member of the No. 12 Ferry Pilot Pool based at Cosford and was a New Zealand volunteer with a total of 389 flying hours experience, but only three hours on Spitfire XIs, the particular type she was flying that day. She was buried at Maidenhead Cemetery, with fellow ATA members acting as pallbearers, in a section of the cemetery set aside for ATA casualties.



Women members of the Air Transport Auxiliary at RAF Cosford during the war. From left: Mrs R Sandoz-Leveaux (USA), Kay Van Doozer (USA), Jadwiga Pilsudska (Poland) and Mary Hooper, in front of a Hawker Hurricane

After the war a fellow New Zealand ATA pilot, 1st Officer Trevor Hunter, returned her logbooks to her family in New Zealand.

Stephen's researches have seen him contact the New Zealand Defence Force to find out more about her.

In responses to his inquiries, David Gibson of the defence force wrote to him in June to say: "Sadly, I have been unsuccessful in tracing any relatives of Jane."

"She was engaged during the war, but her fiancé Angus MacKenzie, a Royal New Zealand Air Force pilot serving with No 35 Squadron of the RAF, was killed on air operations on June 9, 1942, and her parents had only daughters, making them difficult to trace."

Angus MacKenzie's body was never found

after he went missing in a raid over Essen. Jane had learned of his death just before leaving New Zealand.

She was not to be the only fatality among that team of international women pilots based at Cosford.

On May 22, 1943, Second Officer Mary Nicholson, an American, was posted to serve with Cosford's No 12 Ferry Pilot Pool. It was to be the shortest of postings, as she lost her life the same day, while flying a Miles Master II, which she was ferrying from RAF Hullavington to RAF Tern Hill.

The crash was witnessed by farmer A.J. Gill of Cooksholme Farm at Littleworth, near Worcester.

While milking the cows around teatime he heard the sound of an aircraft, and going

outside saw it circling his field, obviously in trouble.

Swooping low trying to land, it hit the ground, bounced over a hedge, and landed on top of a pigsty and outbuildings.

"It burst into flames, and I ran down with one of those old wartime stirrup pumps to try and put out the fire, but it was hopeless," he was to recall years later.

Mary died in the flames, the only American woman in the ATA to lose her life during the war.

For these ATA pilots the big enemies were bad weather and bad luck, and it was the latter which took Mary's life that day.

It turned out that a lubrication failure had caused the propeller to fly off the aircraft.

Do you have any old pictures or tales from the past to share with our readers? Email toby.neal@shropshirestar.co.uk

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

THE CLUES

379 gives an animal;
4758 gives another animal;
62781226 gives another animal.

Your time:

X is to Y



1. Gagarin is to Vostok as Shepard is to ?
APOLLO, MARINER, MERCURY, VIKING, VOYAGER

2. Vacuum flask is to Sir James Dewar as cat's eyes are to ?
CHRISTOPHER COCKERELL, TREVOR BAYLISS, LOUIS PASTEUR, PERCY SHAW, FRANK WHITTLE

3. The fair maid of Perth is to Catharine Glover as the Invisible Man is to ?
BULSTRODE, GRIFFIN, McDADE, NELHAMS

Your time:

Mindbender



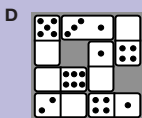
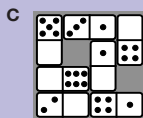
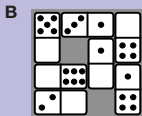
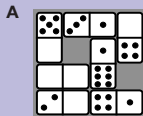
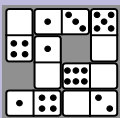
At the supermarket checkout, the total cost of Henrietta's shopping is £10.26, giving an average price of 57p per item. As she only has £10, she returns one item, lowering the average price to 55p. What was the price of the item she returned?

Your time:

Mirror Image



Which of the four shapes below is an exact mirror image of the shape on the right?

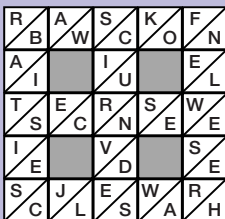


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Split Decision



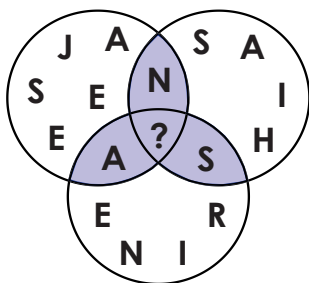
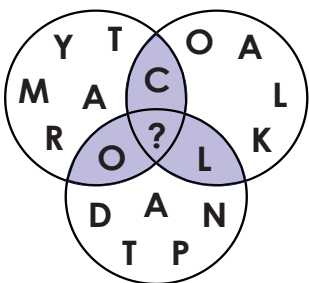
Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.



Your time:

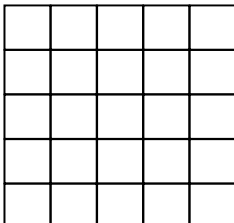
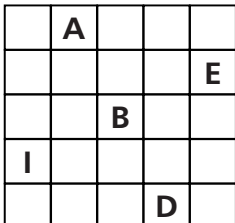
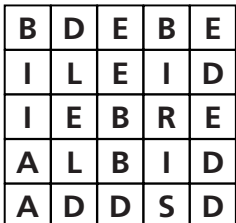
CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be rearranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



ALPHAMUDDLE

Rearrange the letters to make five words that read both across and down. Five letters have been placed to start you off.



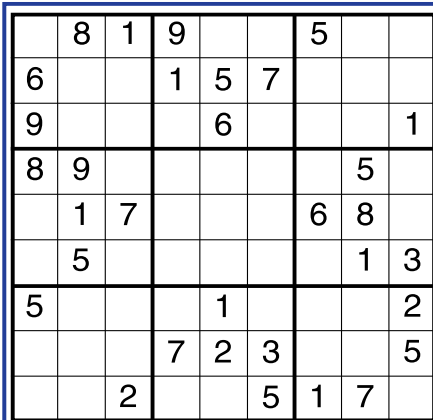
IMPOSSIPUZZLES

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If the eldest is five times as old as the youngest, how old is the 'middle' child?

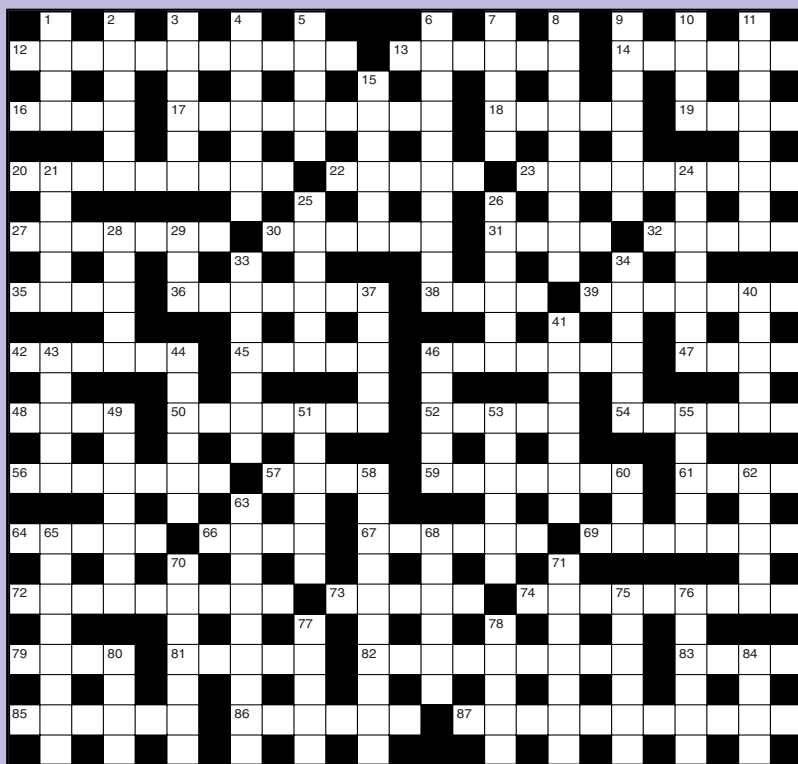
2. If Jack gave Jill £2 she'd have as much as Jack, but if Jack gave her only £1 he would have one and a half times as much as her.
How much money do they have between them?

3. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two boys and a teenage girl. The girl's age is about midway between her brothers, and if you divide the sum of the squares of the boys' ages by their sum, you get her age.
How old is she?

SUDOKU



CROSSWORD



ACROSS

12 Just fine (5,2,4)
13 Eventually (2,4)
14 Male name (6)
16 English queen (4)
17 Material (9)
18 Behaved (5)
19 Silly (4)
20 Irritability (9)
22 Name (5)
23 Dies down (5,4)
27 Flower (3,4)
30 Ailing (6)
31 Employee (4)
32 Stop (5)
35 Intend (4)
36 Dish (7)
38 Mend (4)
39 Determine (7)
42 Yell (6)
45 Deal with (5)
46 Here (7)
47 Air (4)

DOWN

1 Big cat (4)
2 Warning (6)
3 Skiff (6)
4 Complain (7)
5 Burning (5)
6 Jobless (10)
7 Seat (5)
8 Not bothered (4,5)
9 Information (7)
10 Look after (4)
11 Altruistic (8)
15 Contract (6)
21 Bring out (5)
24 Lucky (2,1,4)
25 Violin (6)
26 Fee (6)
28 Scope (5)
29 So (3)
33 Attire (7)
34 Warmed (6)
37 Assessed (5)
40 Instrument (5)

41 Satirises (5,2)
43 Country (5)
44 Powerful (6)
46 Accommodate (3,2)
49 Refuse (7)
51 Boat (6)
53 Stout (6)
55 Observes (5)
58 Everywhere (4,3,3)
60 Hill (3)
62 Oscillate (5)
63 Wading bird (9)
65 Dog (8)
68 Vagrants (6)
70 Frighten (7)
71 Drive back (7)
75 Understands (6)
76 Loathing (6)
77 Drawbacks (5)
78 Fish (5)
80 In that case (4)
84 Table (4)

SOLUTIONS

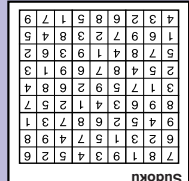
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9-letter word: DEPLOING. Pig, lion, reindeer.
X is to Y
Mindbender
1. Mercury, 2. Percy Shaw, 3. Griffin.
Mirror image
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Split Decision >



CROSSWORD
12 Right as rain. 13 In time. 14 Oliver.
16 Anne. 17 Peleaharn. 18 Aced. 19 Dalt.
20 Testiness. 22 Title. 23 Blow over. 27 Dog
36 Chowder. 38 Dant. 39 Resolute. 42 Scream.
43 China. 44 Mighty. 46 Put up. 47 Decline.
48 Treat. 49 Present. 47 Look. 48 Bird. 50
56 Chord. 57 Collect. 58 Talismans. 59
61 Chore. 64 Attach. 66 Story. 67
68 Collect. 69 Severe. 72 Objection (9)
73 Parrot (5). 74 Animals (9). 79 Pillar (4).
81 Bird (5). 82 Exit (9). 83 Pastry (4).
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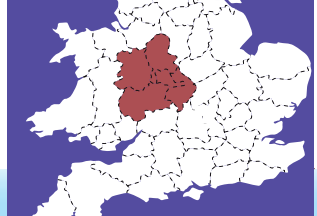
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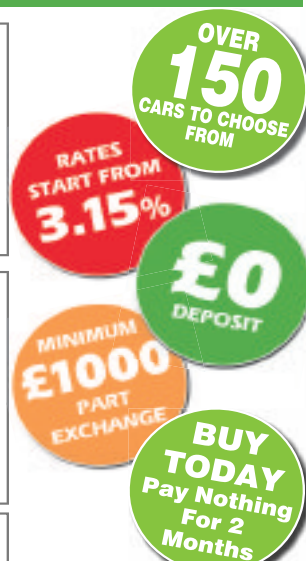
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Hot Civic Type-R is back after long break

By Matt Joy

The name may be familiar but this Civic Type-R is very different from the old one. The biggest change is under the bonnet where, for the first time, a hot Honda skips the naturally aspirated route and goes for the current vogue of turbocharging to create a VTEC Turbo. Putting all that power on the road is a new suspension system that's designed to reduce torque steer and a mechanical limited slip differential too.

A reactive adaptive damping system is fitted as standard and there's a +R mode that reduces steering assistance, sharpens the throttle response and backs off the stability control a little. Add to that a wild exterior that's shaped by the wind tunnel and influenced by the racing versions, and you have the potential for the most extreme Civic Type-R ever.

You're not going to mistake the Type-R for another Civic or some other hot hatch. For the moment at least it is the most aggressive-looking hot hatch on the market, and while it's perhaps not at all tastes, there's no doubting that it is eye-catching. The massive rear spoiler, big wheels with rubber-band tyres and the aero-look wheel arches are impossible to miss.

There's nothing lacking in the image department either as the Type-R badge has been absent from the market for four years, making the older models cherished items.

Handily the Type-R is based on the spacious and practical Civic five-door, so the compromises over the standard car are relatively modest. Up front, there are very supportive sports seats, although their bulk does mean rear knee room is fractionally reduced and the big side bolsters need a little care to negotiate. However the boot remains large and well shaped and the cabin storage is decent too; it's still a car that can cope with family life in its stride.

Transformed

The new engine dominates the driving experience and the switch to turbocharging has transformed the way this Type-R behaves compared to its predecessors. With a huge slug of torque at low revs, you can be lazy with the gear-changes and still make good progress, although the shift itself is very slick and satisfying to use. Unsurprisingly its best work is done by 6,000rpm, but this is a powerful and flexible engine dishing out big performance.

Even though it is pushing 306bhp through the front wheels, there is almost a complete absence of torque steer – on Slovakian roads at least – and while you can feel the nose working hard, the steering remains impressively uncorrupted. You can use the power to drive it out of tight bends with great zeal.

+R mode it feels more aggressive still, potentially too firm for a broken UK B-road, but on track it makes for flat and composed cornering.

The Vehicle Dynamic Assistance also allows a good degree of slip before nudging you back into line.

Checking in under £30,000 for a 167mph top speed is no mean feat in itself, but the standard equipment list is impressive with all the high performance kit such as the limited slip differential and Brembo Brakes, climate and cruise control, Bluetooth, rear parking camera, and City Brake system as standard. £32,295 gets you the GT version which adds a suite of additional safety systems, automatic lights and wipers and an upgraded audio system including satnav.

Hot hatch fans should be queuing up for this one. There are important rivals yet to arrive on the scene, but for now at least the Civic Type-R is the pick of the bunch; fast, capable, enormous fun and pleasingly free from compromise. That makes it a car not for the faint-hearted and family buyers will need to be committed, but the pay-off is a sharp hot hatch that entertains like little else.

This car summed up in a single word: Hot
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Great month for car sales

Award-winning Vauxhall dealer Arthurs of Oswestry and Newtown is enjoying what they describe as a 'tremendous month' for new and used car sales.

Group operations manager Steve Hughes said the industry was expecting a record September for new car sales and that Arthurs Vauxhall was 'riding on the back' of this success with the sale of new Vauxhall cars across the Oswestry and Newtown areas.

Said Steve: "We are enjoying an excellent month, particularly with the sale of nearly new used Vauxhalls and it is very pleasing to see all our hard work rewarded with new and used car sales being excellent."

"We had a couple of showroom sales events earlier in the month and they have massively helped our sales - the latest being the Vauxhall £500 free fuel event. This was only planned by Vauxhall at the last minute and proved to be very successful."

"We are continuing to offer exceptional deals on new and used cars through to the end of September in order for us to achieve record numbers."

"There is a plethora of market leading offers available from Vauxhall at this time, including the ever successful 0 per cent five year deal, as well as the low rate Personal Contract Purchase (PCP) deals across the Vauxhall range."

Steve added: "Vauxhall has announced a price increase across the range of new cars and vans with effect from October 1 and this is an added benefit in customers buying a new car this month."

"At the same time as being very busy with new car sales, we have also been extremely active in used car sales and with an increasing demand for used cars this has given us the impetus to be able offer exceptionally good part exchange deals."

Pictured: Steve Hughes says Arthurs are enjoying an 'excellent month.'



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12 Reg	Ford Ka, Edge 3dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 7467mls, £30 RFL	£5,595
62 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Edge 3dr HBK 1.4 Petrol, FSH, 20866mls	£6,595
62 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Zetec 5dr HBK 1.4 Petrol, FSH, 31847mls	£7,495
62 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Zetec 5dr HBK 1.4 Diesel, FSH, 53092mls, £20 RFL	£7,295
63 Reg	Ford Fiesta Zetec EcoBoost 100PS 3dr HBK 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 23796mls, £0 RFL	£8,795
09 Reg	Ford Fusion, Zetec Climate 5dr EST 1.4 Petrol, FSH, 49989mls	£4,295
63 Reg	Ford B-Max, Zetec AUTO 5dr MPV 1.6 Petrol, FSH, 9387mls	£10,695
62 Reg	Ford Focus Zetec EcoBoost 100PS 5dr HBK 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 9955mls, £20 RFL	£9,995
64 Reg	Ford Focus, Zetec Navigator ECOnetic 5dr HBK 1.6 Diesel, 13374mls, £0 RFL	£12,795
62 Reg	Ford Kuga, Zetec 5dr SUV 2.0 Diesel, FSH, 17603mls	£13,495
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62 Reg	Nissan Note, N-Tec+ 5dr HBK 1.5 Diesel, 38688mls, £20 RFL	£7,495
12 Reg	Peugeot 207, Allure 5dr HBK 1.6 Diesel, 40038mls, £30 RFL	£6,495



11 Reg	Renault Grand Modus, Dynamique 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 18033mls	£5,295
63 Reg	Skoda Citigo Elegance ASG (Auto) 5dr HBK 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 9200mls, £20 RFL	£7,995
63 Reg	Skoda Fabia, Reaction 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 41654mls	£6,495
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64 Reg	Skoda Octavia, SE 5dr HBK 1.6 Diesel, FSH, 11849mls, £20 RFL	£13,995
14 Reg	Skoda Octavia, SE 5dr HBK 2.0 Diesel, FSH, 12277mls, £20 RFL	£15,295
14 Reg	Skoda Rapid, SE Greentech 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 14042mls, £30 RFL	£9,495
62 Reg	Skoda Yeti, SE 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 15862mls	£9,995
12 Reg	Skoda Yeti, SE 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 30928mls	£11,295
62 Reg	Skoda Yeti, Elegance 5dr HBK 2.0 Diesel, FSH, 27699mls	£13,495
64 Reg	Skoda Yeti, L&K 5dr HBK 2.0 Diesel, FSH, 2709mls	£22,995
12 Reg	Vauxhall Astra, SRI 5dr HBK 1.6 Petrol, 21764mls	£8,695
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		WAS	NOW	SAVE
64 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Zetec EcoBoost 100PS 5dr HBK 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 3147mls, £0 RFL	£11,295	£10,495	£800
10 Reg	Honda Jazz, Si 5dr HBK 1.3 Petrol, FSH, 37264mls	£6,495	£5,995	£500
12 Reg	Land Rover Freelander, XS 5dr 4x4 2.2 Diesel, FSH, 25054mls	£18,995	£17,495	£1,500
12 Reg	Skoda Yeti, SE 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 23784mls	£13,495	£11,495	£2,000
14 Reg	Skoda Yeti, SE DSG AUTO 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 7739mls	£16,795	£15,995	£800
62 Reg	Volkswagen Polo, S 3dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 2938mls	£7,295	£6,995	£300

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60 Reg	Hyundai i10, Edition 5dr HBK 1.1 Petrol, FSH, 43469mls, £30 RFL	£4,195
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64 Reg	Skoda Fabia, SE 5dr EST 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 5745mls	£8,995
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63 Reg	Skoda Rapid, SE 5dr HBK 1.6 Diesel, FSH, 4175mls, £30 RFL	£11,495	£500	£10,995
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		WAS	SAVE	NOW
15 Reg	Skoda Fabia, SE L 5dr EST 1.2 Petrol, 10mls, £20 RFL	£16,205	£2,710	£13,495
15 Reg	Skoda Fabia, SE L 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, 10mls, £20 RFL	£15,865	£2,370	£13,495
15 Reg	Skoda Superb, Business Edition 5dr HBK 2.0 Diesel, FSH, 500mls, £30 RFL	£23,060	£4,065	£18,995

EX DEMO SUPER SAVERS

		WAS	SAVE	NOW
15 Reg	Ford B-Max, Zetec EcoBoost 100PS 5dr MPV 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 2913mls, £30 RFL	£15,990	£2,995	£12,995
15 Reg	Skoda Fabia, SE 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 4829mls, £20 RFL	£14,035	£2,040	£11,995
15 Reg	Skoda Fabia, SE 5dr EST 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 10926mls, £20 RFL	£15,275	£2,920	£12,355
15 Reg	Skoda Rapid, SE Tech 5dr HBK 1.6 Diesel, FSH, 10158mls, £30 RFL	£18,365	£5,370	£12,995
15 Reg	Skoda Rapid, Sport 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 6663mls	£16,095	£4,100	£11,995
15 Reg	Skoda Octavia, VRS 180PS 5dr EST 2.0 Diesel, FSH, 6812mls, £30 RFL	£25,960	£5,965	£19,995
15 Reg	Skoda Yeti, Outdoor Elegance 140PS 5dr 4x4 2.0 Diesel, FSH, 2781mls	£24,910	£3,915	£20,995
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Walsall	10	6	3	1	16	6
Gillingham	10	6	2	3	19	20
Bury	10	5	2	3	15	19
Rochdale	10	5	2	3	15	17
Sheff Wed	10	5	2	3	17	14
Coventry City	9	5	1	3	16	16
Colchester Utd	10	4	4	2	17	17
Wigan Ath	10	4	3	3	14	13
Southend Utd	10	4	3	3	11	15
Barnsley	9	4	2	3	13	14
Millwall	10	4	2	4	14	16
Port Vale	10	3	4	3	12	13
Swindon Town	10	3	4	3	16	12
P'borough Utd	10	3	2	5	16	11
Shrewsbury Town	10	3	2	5	11	12
Chesham Utd	10	3	2	5	13	11
Oldham Ath	10	1	7	2	9	13
Bradford City	10	2	4	4	9	10
Fleetwood Town	10	2	3	5	14	9
Scunthorpe Utd	10	2	2	6	13	8
Blackpool	10	2	2	6	17	8
Crewe Alexandra	10	1	3	6	10	8

Evo-Stik League

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stafford Rangers	10	6	2	0	13	7
Coventry City	9	6	2	1	13	4
Shaw Lee Athletic	10	5	2	2	14	18
Romulus	11	5	2	4	23	15
Sheff Wed	10	5	2	3	20	17
Stockbridge PS10	10	5	2	3	20	17
Mkt Drayton Town	10	5	1	4	20	15
Spalding Utd	9	4	4	1	14	10
Gailey Town	11	5	1	5	13	20
Leek Town	10	4	2	4	23	15
Grove AFC	10	5	0	5	15	21
Lincoln Utd	9	4	2	3	13	14
Basford Utd	10	4	1	5	11	10
Newcastle Town	9	4	1	6	16	13
Kids Grove	10	4	1	5	16	13
Gresley	10	4	0	6	9	13
Chasestown	10	3	2	5	7	11
Loughborough Dyn	10	3	0	7	16	21
Belgrave Hill	10	3	0	7	16	21
Carlton Town	10	2	0	7	16	21
Twidale	9	2	0	7	10	8
Rugby Town	9	1	2	6	8	20

Vanarama National

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Forest Gr Rvrs	13	8	2	3	22	28
Gateshead	13	8	2	3	19	26
Chesham Town	13	7	4	2	21	25
Bromley	13	7	2	4	29	23
Widnes	13	6	2	5	23	22
Tranmere Rvrs	13	6	2	5	19	23
Gomers Ath	13	5	6	2	27	25
Doncaster	13	5	6	2	19	21
Grimsby Town	13	5	6	2	19	21
Eastleigh	13	5	6	2	19	21
Woking	13	6	2	5	21	26
Lincoln City	13	5	6	2	21	26
Widley	13	4	6	3	13	16
Barrow	13	3	2	8	11	18
Aldershot	13	5	6	2	18	22
Macclesfield Town	13	5	1	7	18	17
Chesham	13	4	4	5	12	18
Wellington	13	4	4	5	12	18
Altrincham	13	4	2	7	11	21
Boreham Wood	13	3	1	9	14	20
Torquay Utd	13	2	4	7	17	29
Wrexham	13	1	7	5	10	25
FC Halifax	13	1	4	8	25	7
Kidderminster	13	0	6	7	14	24

Vanarama National

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Southern Moors	10	8	2	0	23	6
AFC Ryde	11	7	2	2	23	12
Nuneaton Town	11	6	2	3	21	11
Harrgate Town	11	6	2	3	21	11
Tamworth	11	4	7	0	13	8
Stockport City	11	5	4	2	12	11
North Ferriby Utd	11	3	7	1	22	16
FC Uthmaniyah	11	3	4	4	15	12
Chorley	11	5	1	5	17	15
S'bridge Celtic	11	5	1	5	16	15
G'borough Trinity	11	4	3	4	13	14
FC Uthmaniyah	11	3	4	4	13	14
Chesham Town	11	4	2	5	17	22
Boston Utd	11	4	1	6	15	20
Lowestoft Town	11	3	5	3	15	12
Widley	11	3	5	3	15	12
Gloucester City	11	2	4	5	12	18
Brackley Town	11	2	4	5	13	18
Worcester City	11	2	4	5	13	18
Bradford Park	11	1	5	4	11	15
Bromford Utd	11	1	5	4	11	15
AFC Telford Utd	10	1	7	2	4	15

West Midlands (Regional) League

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cradley Town	13	9	2	2	34	26
Haughmond	14	8	3	3	37	27
AFC Bridgnorth	10	8	1	1	24	25
Widley	13	6	4	3	25	21
Shawbury Utd	9	6	2	1	36	24
Wellington	12	6	1	5	27	19
Pegasus Jun	11	6	1	4	21	19
Royal Oak	11	5	1	5	21	19
Ellemere	12	5	3	4	24	20
Dudley Town	12	5	3	2	31	17
BC Rangers	12	4	3	5	17	17
Bromford Utd	12	4	2	5	17	17
G'borough	11	5	2	4	16	17
Griffith	11	5	2	4	16	17
Smithwell Rgrs	12	5	1	6	21	15
Bewdley Town	14	4	3	7	23	15
Wiston OA	14	4	3	7	23	15
Blithton Town	10	4	6	1	21	12
N'ham Town	10	4	6	1	21	12
Malvern Town	11	3	7	2	29	12
Wellington Am	12	3	7	2	24	9
Bromford Utd	10	3	7	1	10	17
Tipton Utd	12	0	11	3	46	1

Division 1

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
FC Ludlow	8	6	1	0	23	22
F C Stafford	8	6	0	2	21	6
Hereford LC	8	6	0	2	21	6
Shifnal Town	7	4	2	1	16	9
Darlington Town	8	4	2	2	18	14
St Martins	9	4	2	3	12	18
Wem Town	9	4	1	4	12	18
Wendlesfield	7	3	3	1	12	18
Trysil	8	4	0	4	12	11
Kingston	8	2	4	2	12	16
Wendlesfield	8	2	4	2	12	16
Penntro	8	2	4	2	12	16
Bethelheim	8	2	4	2	12	16
Kingston	6	1	3	3	12	15
Widley	7	3	3	2	12	15
Shenstone Path	8	1	7	0	10	22
Worsley Rovers	7	0	6	6	10	23
Barstree	8	1	2	6	7	28

Division 2

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newport Town	6	6	0	0	20	6
Warkton Wdres	6	5	1	0	31	16
Old Wulfrunians	7	1	2	18	7	11
Powder Rangers	6	4	1	1	16	13
W'Ton Utd	7	4	0	3	18	20
Wendlesfield	6	3	2	1	13	6
Telford Juniors	7	3	2	2	16	12
Twidale Res	6	3	2	1	17	11
Tipton Youth AFC	7	3	0	4	18	19
Red Star Alma	5	2	2	1	10	8
Bilbrook FC	7	2	3	3	8	11
Gornal Colliery	6	1	2	3	13	17
Malvern Tn u218	1	1	6	11	22	3
Sikh Hunters	8	0	7	12	28	4
Wrens Nest Res	7	0	2	5	5	24

English Rugby Clubs

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Old Saleians	4	4	0	0	123	51
Lichfield	4	3	0	1	120	80
Widley	4	2	1	1	83	82
Scunthorpe	4	2	0	2	120	86
P'borough Lions	4	2	0	2	98	69
Newport	4	2	0	2	104	70
Nuneaton	4	2	0	2	81	74
Syston	4	2	0	2	86	105
Sandbach	4	2	0	2	58	74
St Martins	4	1	0	3	89	107
Longton	4	1	0	3	133	133
Old N'otians	4	0	4	0	56	45
Sutton Coldfield	4	0	4	0	67	162

National League 3 Midlands

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hinckley	4	4	0	0	142	43
Old Saleians	4	4	0	0	123	51
Lichfield	4	3	0	1	120	80
Widley	4	2	1	1	83	82
Scunthorpe	4	2	0	2	120	86
P'borough Lions	4	2	0	2	98	69
Newport	4	2	0	2	104	70
Nuneaton	4	2	0	2	81	74
Syston	4	2	0	2	86	105
Sandbach	4	2	0	2	58	74
St Martins	4	1	0	3	89	107
Longton	4	1	0	3	133	133
Old N'otians	4	0	4	0	56	45
Sutton Coldfield	4	0	4	0	67	162

Midlands 1 West

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Burton	4	0	0	4	160	49
Stratford U Avon	4	3	0	1	125	79
Kenilworth	4	3	0	1	94	90
Worcester Wdres	4	3	0	1	129	13
Dudley Kings	4	2	0	2	113	104
Stratford	4	2	0	2	67	76
Stoke on Trent	4	2	1	1	79	66
Hereford	4	2	1	1	105	94
Crewe/Nantwich	4	2	1	1	105	94
Brooklands	4	2	0	2	105	94
Stoke on Trent	4	2	1	1	79	66
Bourneville	4	2	0	2	94	130
Silhillians	4	1	2	1	82	62
Lea	4	1	2	1	82	62
Walsall	4	0	4	0	74	204

Midlands 2 West (North)

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wolverhampton	3	3	0	0	13	1
Old Saleians	3	3	0	0	73	40
Kidderminster	3	2	0	1	82	61
Mossley Oak	3	2	0	1	107	33
Stamford	3	2	0	1	114	33
Veseyans	3	2	0	1	69	52
S'bridge Lions	3	2	0	1	78	46
Old Walsallians	3	1	0	2	53	54
Handsworth	3	1	0	2	44	25
Shrewsbury	3	0	0	3	54	110
Harborne	3	0	3	3	37	120

Midlands 3 West (North)

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cannock	3	3	0	0	84	43
Walsall	3	3	0	0	74	31
Stoke City	3	3	0	0	65	10
Stoke City	3	2	1	0	11	18
Tamworth	3	2	0	1	70	36
Ludlow	2	2	0	0	63	40
Clee Hill	3	2	0	1	40	65
Welling Utd	3	0	2	1	39	88
Eccleshall	3	0	2	1	39	88
Clebury M	3	0	1	0	13	108
Blithwell	3	0	3	2	18	109
Wendlesfield	3	0	3	2	18	109

Midlands 4 West (North)

Franklin CC	4	1	1	2	14	18
Traverse	3	1	2	1	14	18
Traverse	3	1	2	1	14	18
Union	4	0	2	2	14	18
Union	4	0	2	2	14	18
Union	4	0	2	2	13	19
Telepost	3	0	2	1	11	13

Division Two						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Rock C	3	3	0	0	16	8
Rock B	3	2	1	0	14	10
Harry Hooper	3	2	0	1	14	10
Rock Oak	3	2	0	1	12	4
Plough	3	1	1	1	14	10
Corbett B	3	1	1	1	13	11
Lion Lion	2	1	1	0	10	6
Woodman A	3	1	0	2	12	12
Carlisle SC	3	1	0	2	12	12
Telepost	3	0	2	1	10	14
Telegraph A	2	1	0	1	8	8
Telegraph B	2	1	0	1	7	9
Beeches	2	1	0	1	7	9
Bird	3	0	0	3	9	15
Forest Foxes A	3	0	0	3	5	19

Waterloo face tough tester in Welsh Cup

WATERLOO ROVERS are gearing up for a tricky home clash against Anglesey high-fliers Trearddur Bay in Saturday's first round of the Welsh Cup.

The Spar Mid Wales League side will be happy to be playing at their Maesydre surrounds as they look to bounce back from last week's 3-0 reverse at Llanrhaeadr.

But it promises to be a tough test against their visitors who are currently unbeaten this season in the Welsh Alliance division one.

In-form **BERRIEW** look to keep their flag flying in the Welsh Cup by overcoming a potentially tricky first round trip to Rhosyllen on Saturday.

"It's a bit of a trip into the unknown, they play in the North East Wales League which is not a particularly high standard but they are unbeaten this season," said Berriew manager Dave Jones, the former Welshpool boss.

"In cups this season, they have beaten Brymbo and Brickfield who are both in the Welsh National League premier division, and then they scored 15 on Saturday in the league so they can't be a bad side!"

"Our main aim this season is to secure promotion back to Spar division one, but a Welsh Cup run would be a bonus both financially to the club and would also give our young side the possibility of experiencing a game against teams from a higher level."

Jones says his side can take heart from a good start to the season that has seen just one defeat, and that being by the odd goal away at Penrhynoch in the FAW Trophy.

"It's a long way to go but it's a very promising start and I am hopeful that if we can keep this form up then we will have a good season and hopefully add some silverware," he added.

Saturday's Welsh Cup round one fixtures (2pm, selected ties) Hawarden Rangers v Llanfair United, Rhosyllen v Berriew, Aberffraw v Penrhynoch, Gullisfield v Glantraeth, Waterloo Rovers v Trearddur Bay, Caersws v Llandudno Junction, Carno v Flint Town Utd, Porthmadog v Bow Street, Dyffryn Nantlle Vale v Knighton Town, Llandrindod Wells v Cwmbran Celtic.

Six from six sees Meifod top the table

MEIFOD continue to set a hot pace at the top of the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League Honda division one after securing a 3-1 home success over Llanrhaeadr reserves.

The early leaders have now won all six, scoring 18 goals and conceding just three, and hold a three point advantage from second placed **LLANFAIR RES** who were without a game.

TREFONEN are up to fourth following their 5-0 beating of Caersws reserves, but are 11 points adrift of leaders Meifod.

The big derby saw **WATERLOO RES** take the local bragging rights with a 3-1 victory over near neighbours **WELSHPOOL RES** in the first round of the Robins (Newtown FC) League Cup.

Results

The Robins (Newtown FC) League Cup, round one: Waterloo Res 3 Welshpool Res 1.

Honda One: Llanfyllin 4 Llanymynech 2, Meifod 3 Llanrhaeadr Res 1, Trefonen 5 Caersws Res 0.

Mitsubishi Two: Llangwydno 0 Maesyrhandir 3, Llansantffraid Village 3 Kerry Res 0.

Morda game is called off

MORDA United's Montgomeryshire League Cup tie away at Newtown Wanderers was postponed by agreement between the clubs after a Wanderers player received serious injuries in a midweek accident.

On Saturday, Morda are again due to be in cup action, this time in the Shropshire FA County Challenge Cup, when they entertain Bishop's Castle Town in their first home fixture of the season. The kick off at Weston Road will be at 3pm.

New Saints unbeaten – but draw blank

Bala Town 0 The New Saints 0

THERE'S a four way tie at the top of the Dafabet Welsh Premier after The New Saints were locked in a goalless draw at one of their chief rivals Bala.

Despite dominating much of the live TV encounter, and carving several good opportunities, the defending champions were unable to find a way through a resolute Bala rearguard.

The draw between the league's remaining unbeaten sides means the Saints still hold pole position on goal difference, but are one of four teams on 13 points along with Bala, Newtown and Airbus UK.

"We dominated from start to finish, and did more than enough to win two games, let alone one," said TNS manager Craig Harrison.

"Credit to Bala for the way they defended, but we had enough chances. They had two cleared off the line, their keeper made five or six good saves, and we had a multiple of corners. It wasn't for lack of trying or ability, but it was just not to be."

It proved a frustrating encounter for the Saints who took the game to the Lakesiders only to lack the finishing touch in front of goal.

Simon Spender almost gave the visitors an ideal start, but his effort was superbly blocked by the first of two goal line clearances from fullback John Irving despite being troubled by a shoulder problem throughout.

Mike Wilde also went close when his far post header from Chris Marriott's left wing cross was superbly turned away by keeper Ashley Morris at full stretch, while the home keeper made another good stop from Aeron Edwards' acrobatic half volley.

After the break, TNS dominated possession as the hosts played increasingly deeper, but were unable to turn their territorial advantage into goals.

The visitors increased the tempo as they swarmed forward, but the Lakesiders defended stoutly to ensure a fifth clean sheet in seven league outings.

Chris Seargeant fired over from the edge of the box after terrific play on the right involving Ryan Edwards and Spender. The Saints went agonisingly close on 66 minutes when the luckless Wilde saw his header deflected just past the post as the home goal led a charmed life.

Llanfair leak seven in first half shocker

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

A NIGHTMARE first half sent Llanfair United crashing to a 7-0 home defeat at the hands of Mold Alex in what is proving a real topsy turvy campaign for the new boys in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

After the previous week's five-goal victory against Porthmadog, United were in good spirits as they chased back-to-back victories at the Mount Field. But they were brought down to earth with a bang after being torn apart by a ruthless Mold side, who scored six times in a disastrous first half.

Chief tormentor was Daley Woods who bagged five goals inside the first 37 minutes – before being taken off at the interval much to the relief of the Llanfair defence. Jack Laird also found the net after just seven minutes before adding a second after the interval on an afternoon the league new boys will want to forget.

Woods produced a remarkable display as everything he hit found the back of the net, the first coming on five minutes before Laird made it two by lobbing a stranded keeper Lee Andrew.

The lively Woods then increased the margin with an effort from outside the area before completing his hat-trick from close range, all within the first 20 minutes. Llanfair were struggling to cope with Mold's quick attacking play and the pace and strength of Woods who scored twice more before half-time.

United did improve in the second period, but were unable create anything of note to test the visitors who made it 7-0 through Laird's stunning strike from outside of the area.

It was a disappointing result, and boss Rhys Stephens knows his side will need to improve ahead of a tricky Welsh Cup first round tie away to Hawarden Rangers on Saturday.

It was also a poor day for **GULLSFIELD** who slumped 4-0 at home to Caernarfon Town to dent their challenge in the league.

The Guils were left to reflect on a combination of poor defending and ruthless attacking as they succumbed to their second league defeat.

Caersws slipped to third from bottom in the table after two goals midway through the second half sentenced them to a 2-0 home defeat to Holywell Town. The Wellmen made the breakthrough in fortuitous fashion on 68 minutes when a long throw from Peter Hoy was turned into his own net off Scott Williams' head.

And two minutes later they added a second when a defensive slip handed an opening to Graeme Williams, while the Mid Wales hosts also had Josh Hartrick sent off.

Kelly's eye on goal for Reserves



Five star display – Toran Kelly in action for the reserves during the win over Whitchurch Alport

IT proved a frustrating day for The New Saints Ladies who were locked in a goalless stalemate at Lye in the West Midlands Women's League premier division.

The Saints had gone into the game in confident mood having won their opening game in the league and also their opening three cup encounters.

However, despite dominating much of the encounter, TNS drew a blank, and manager Joe Thompson admitted it was a frustrating day.

"We played for the whole of the second half in their half, but the final ball would just not fall for us," he said.

"We two chances cleared off the line and their keeper must have had the game of her life."

■ The goals did flow as TNS Ladies reserves enjoyed derby day delight, with Toran Kelly netting all five goals in their 5-0 victory against Whitchurch Alport at Yockings Park.

The Saints were ahead when Kelly broke through to slot home her first goal of the campaign.

She soon added her second, again some good play saw her break free to fire past the keeper before completing her hat-trick, this time from the penalty spot.

She got a fourth before half time, before Alport became increasingly resilient in the second period. Eventually a good passage of play saw Kelly round off the scoring with her fifth goal.

■ Goals from Mia Washington and Lois Jones helped TNS Ladies under-18s to a 2-1 victory over Stourbridge Juniors.

Harriet Davies bagged a hat-trick as the Saints Ladies under-14s ran out 7-1 winners against Oswestry Boys and Girls club, with Marianne Sherwood (2), Courtney Ashworth and Teleri Ottaway also on the mark.

Two goals from Olivia Henderson saw the under-12s finish all square at 2-2 with their Shrewsbury Juniors counterparts.

White-hot Ben lifts Llan to third spot

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

Unbeaten Penrhynoch moved top of the table after seeing off previous leaders Llandrindod Wells 2-0 at Cae Baker thanks to fine strikes in each half from Nathan Warren (12) and Mark Gornall (89).

Llandod were always up against it after having player boss Chris Murphy sent off after 25 minutes, while they were indebted to some fine saves from keeper Joey Prosser to keep them in touch.

A late penalty from Charlie Proctor saw Llanlloes Town snatch a 2-1 victory over Carno at Victoria Avenue to lift themselves up to sixth spot.

Drew Reynolds had given Carno the lead just before half time, but the Daffs hit back in the second half through Sam Rimmer before Proctor converted from the spot three minutes from time following handball in the box.

Machynlleth trounced faltering Bow Street 7-2 while Hay St Mary's won 4-2 at Tywyn Brynrcrug to move up to fourth spot in the table.

Johnny Roberts scored twice as **BERRIEW** stayed hot on the heels of the leaders in division two with a comfortable 4-1 home success over Builth Wells. Steve Roberts and Chris Gethin were also on target, with the Rhiewsidars now looking menacing in second position.

DYFFRYN BANW succumbed 3-1 at home to Bont, all the goals coming in the first half as Rhys Morgan (2) and Dewi Evans gave the visitors the spoils. Tom Foulkes responded from the spot.

Abermule were 2-0 home winners against Radnor Valley to climb up to fifth in the table.

FOUR CROSSES crashed 6-1 at early leaders Kerry, their sixth defeat in eight outings leaving them second bottom, while Churchstoke finished 1-1 at Penybont.

Saints win nine-goal thriller in last minute

ST MARTINS got back on the right track with a thrilling 5-4 victory over Shenstone Pathfinders to move up to sixth spot in the West Midlands League division one.

After losing 2-1 to Shropshire rivals Wem in midweek, the Saints were out for a swift riposte and delivered as Karl Bailey notched a first half hat-trick before Jamie Hands converted a last minute winner.

They were ahead after just three minutes when good work down the right by Tim Allen found Shawn Melusi who crossed for Guy Guilford to head home.

Shenstone, who belied their lowly league position, hit back with two goals on the break to lead 2-1, but the Park Hall hosts were back on terms when Bailey opened his account from Melusi's cross.

Bailey then headed against the bar, but made no mistake on 36 minutes when nodding in from Josh Sumner's cross, and the striker completed his hat-trick right on half time after being played in by Hands.

Shenstone struck twice to level at 4-4 in the second half, but the Saints – who have no game on Saturday – had the last word after being awarded a penalty in the last minute.

Although Hands' spot kick hit the post, the player followed up to tuck away the rebound to clinch the spoils.

Bishop nets hat-trick for Town again

CHRIS Bishop bagged his fourth hat-trick in as many games as FC Oswestry Town stepped up their challenge at the top of the Mercian Regional League premier team with a convincing 5-0 victory at Madeley Sports.

The encounter started evenly with both teams battling in midfield, and chances were limited until Joe Evans made the breakthrough when he spotted the keeper out of position and hooked the ball into the net.

Positive play from wingers Ish-taque Rashid and Harry Kerr ensured that Town remained on the front foot going into half-time against a Madeley outfit who had been one of the early form teams.

A stirring half-time team talk by manager Nick Maguire saw the team start the second half positively and the important next goal came courtesy of in-form striker Bishop who coolly converted when through one-on-one with the keeper.

Town were now dominating and the home team's hopes of getting back in the game were dashed when midfield dynamo Paul Bache drove into the box and smashed the ball into the net.

The next goal soon arrived when Bishop was in the right place at the right time to tap in a simple finish.

With a fourth hat-trick in as many games in sight, Bishop was hungry for his third and it arrived after excellent wing play from Rashid.

With a run of seven games in October, Town – who share pole position – can look forward to the challenge ahead in good heart after this comprehensive victory.

THE winning run continued for The New Saints under-19s who stayed joint top of the Welsh Premier Development League (north) with a 7-2 beating of Llandudno.

Two goals apiece from Lewis Evans and James Papirnyk set up a fourth straight win, with the defending champions just trailing leaders Bangor City on goal difference.

Callum Graybrook, Christoph Aziamale and Jacob Farleigh netted the others for New Saints.

TNS look to make if five league victories on the bounce away to Bala Town under-19s on Sunday.

Royle hits double but Ladies lose on the road

TWO goals from Tracey Royle failed to prevent Oswestry Ladies from slipping to a 4-3 defeat at Bebington in a tough and physical encounter in the Cheshire Women's Hockey League division two.

Oswestry made the trip with a lean squad, which was to take its toll in the warm weather as they suffered from having fewer substitutes available compared to the larger Bebington squad.

The encounter was bad tempered from the start with Bebington looking to assert themselves on the match and the umpires.

The visitors looked to make sure that this did not faze them and took the lead within the opening couple of minutes with a strike from Royle.

This opening goal was pegged back quickly from a strong Bebington attack, which was to set up the pattern of play for the rest of the game, with each side pulling goals back quickly after the other team had scored.

Two further goals came for Oswestry, another for Tracey Royle and a first senior goals for Mia Loney, had them 3-2 up midway through the second half.

Sadly, Oswestry could not keep their concentration, and Bebington were able to score twice more to take the win 4-3. Defeat saw them slip to seventh in the table.

After the previous week's fine win, this performance was disappointing as they did not perform to their capabilities and did not have the right mental outlook.

On Saturday, they will look to return to winning ways with a more positive performance when they play Brooklands at home.

Tennis club success – at the double



OSWESTRY Tennis Club served up a successful doubles tournament in this year's Oswestry Community Games in which several local businesses took part.

The event was sponsored by DRE & Co, with representatives from The Advertiser, Evastore Ltd, Pave-Aways Ltd, Oswestry Town Council and BT competing in a fun but highly competitive competition.

Representatives from Pave-Aways Ltd, James Grinley and Lawrence Hitchen, narrowly failed to prevent an all Evastore final, making a terrific comeback, but not quite managing to beat the all girls Evastore pairing of Ella Evans and her sister Zoe Kirk-

man in their semi-final showdown.

So, the two Evastore pairings Evans and Kirkman and Craig Hughes and Paul Mochan competed in a keenly contested final.

Evans and Kirkman started strongly and raced to a 4-0 lead but Hughes and Mochan regrouped to bridge the girls' lead and at 5-5 they came through to win the deciding game and hence the tournament.

Following its success, it is hoped that the tournament will be repeated next year.

■ Pictured (from left): Runners-up Zoe Kirkham and Ella Evans with winners Paul Mochan and Craig Hughes, all representing Evastore Ltd.

Clarke is looking to roar with the Lions

OSWESTRY'S teenage batsman Joe Clarke will be looking to prove a roaring success after being named in the 16-man England Lions squad this winter.

Clarke landed the call after impressing for Worcestershire this season, having successfully stepped up to first class cricket after several seasons with his home town club at Oswestry.

Having only turned 19 in May, Clarke, a wicketkeeper batsman, is also the youngest player to be selected in this winter's performance squad.

He will feature in the Lions squad for their five-match Twenty20 series against Pakistan A in December, while he will also be part of a batting camp in Dubai.

Having recently signed a new three-year contract with Worcestershire, the teenager made the selectors sit up by hitting his maiden first-class hundred for the Pears against Sussex at the beginning of September following a maiden List A ton against Gloucestershire in August. He has also made a string of other half centuries in both four day and one day competitions.

Oswestry chairman Mike Robinson hailed Clarke's remarkable rise since his early days at Morda Road.

"It's fantastic news," he said. "Joe has made great strides this year even though we've always known he was a special talent from the moment he first held a bat.

"He made his debut for us when he was 13 and could barely see over the stumps, but I don't think anyone expected him to make quite this much

progress so quickly.

"He started the season in style, hitting two centuries for our first team, so we'd like to think that set him in his way.

"It's not been a great year for the club with the first team being relegated but with Joe having done so well it is something for us to shout about."

Worcestershire Director of Cricket Steve Rhodes also said the teenager is one for the future after making his first team breakthrough in June.

"To make a rapid rise from England under-19s to Lions after a small amount of time in first class cricket, means people think he has got a special talent to be able to make it at international level very early with a short apprenticeship," he said.

"Let's hope he can fulfil the promise he has already started with. It's not just the ability to play.

"He has got a mental strength for a lad so young that is going to hold him in good stead if he progresses into international recognition."

England call caps a super year for Jones

WHITCHURCH cricketer Evelyn Jones has capped a fine year by again being selected for the England academy team – and now she has targeted the full side.

The 23-year-old batsman has kept her place in the England women's second team for the second year in a row.

It completes a memorable few months for Jones, who can add her place in the international squad to a promotion with Staffordshire to Division One – the Premier League of women's cricket – and a regular place with Whitchurch men's first team, who play in the Birmingham League Division Three.

Jones will join a 15-strong England academy party who will meet up for a 'leadership camp' next month at Loughborough University, followed by a tour to Sri Lanka for a tri-series involving the hosts and Australia, starting in March.

"It's been a great year. My aim is to play for the full England squad."

COBRA strike for a first win of season

RUGBY UNION by John Bridgwater

COBRA are up and running in rugby's Swalec Welsh League division one (north) after two tries from full-back Harry Jukes helped set up a welcome 23-20 victory away at Abergele.

After losing their first two outings of the season, both away from home, the Meifod men were desperate for a change of fortune after finding themselves propping up the table.

And they responded in fine manner with a hard-earned victory that will put them in good heart for their first home outing of the season against fourth placed Caernarfon on Saturday.

With a far stronger side at their disposal, COBRA turned in a vastly improved performance from the disappointing showing at Llandudno the week before.

Fly half Llew Williams put them ahead with a penalty and, after Abergele had pulled level with a successful kick themselves, they restored the lead with a second penalty from Williams.

A good spell of play then saw the visitors increase the advantage to 13-3 at the interval when the ball went through the phases and Jukes went over for his first try, with Williams providing the conversion. Abergele came out for the second period with purpose, with a converted try and penalty putting them level before another penalty from Williams had the Llanfair Caereinion side back in front at 16-13.

The home side were not prepared to go down without a fight, and got themselves ahead again 20-16 with a well worked try and conversion.

But COBRA showed their resolve and responded with a fine try from half way as the lead changed hands again, with Jukes linking with winger Tom Wilde who passed back inside for Jukes to cross the line for his second score, Williams again providing the extras.

WELSHPOOL bowed out of the Swalec Welsh with a 27-17 exit at home to Denbigh despite staging a spirited fightback in the second half.

Fielding a young side following injuries, Pool started well and took the lead with an unconverted try from Nôs Ryan Goodwin.

But Denbigh, who play a level higher in the second division, hit back to forge a 20-5 lead before Pool clawed their way back into the interval.

Showing increased belief, they reduced the arrears to 20-17 as scrum half Joe Stranks and centre Lee Richards both crossed, with Matt Roberts also adding a conversion.

But their hopes faded once the visitors notched a decisive try, which was also converted.

Ellesmere hot-shots in cup double



The Ellesmere College Shooting team of Shannon Davies, Kate Williamson, Will Evans, James Evans, Ali Austin, Katy Leeming, Melissa Sinta, Ben Williamson and Angel Xia

ELLESMEERE College's hot shots were bang on target after making it a cup double at the British Schools Rifle Shooting Competition.

Teams of eight participated in both the Arthur Clarke Schools Long Range Rifle competition and the Ashburton Shield at the National Shooting Centre in Bisley, Surrey.

The Ellesmere team made up of boys and girls aged between 14-19 came away with the Challenge Shield before capturing the Ashburton title, which is the most prestigious award in the

British Schools Rifle Shooting Programme.

Team captain Richard Lay said: "This was a huge team effort and everyone shot really well against teams with very high standards.

"We were not expecting to win the Ashburton title but to eventually win it by 11 points was a great result for the team."

Ellesmere scored 745 points to finish top of the table, in-front of Dollar Academy from Scotland and Victoria College from Belfast. In only their fourth year of participating in the Ashburton Competition, teams shot over 300, 500

and 600 yards during the four days of competition.

The Ashburton Competition dates back to 1861 where the silver shield was given by the third Baron Ashburton, in the heyday of the Victorian silversmith's craft, the year after the National Rifle Association was founded. Today it attracts more than 600 teenagers from across the UK.

Success on the shooting range was not just limited to the team competition. Year 10 pupils Angel Xia and Melissa Sinta took bronze in the Cadet Pairs over the same distance.

Four-star Eagles keep up winning run

UNBEATEN Oswestry made it four wins out of four with a 27-7 verdict at Knutsford to move top of the South Cheshire despite missing out on a bonus point.

The Eagles were looking for an emphatic win in their first ever meeting against their Cheshire hosts whose form had been disappointing this term.

But they were made to work hard for the spoils as Knutsford made light of their lowly league position with a battling defensive display.

The home side started solidly as they held firm amid the early endeavours of the Eagles who struggled to unleash their two wingers, Jamie Luccett and Nick Clay, on the small pitch.

Oswestry were on the front foot though with young fly half Fin Grogan kicking well to clear the lines and full back Luca Owen-Yuons running hard at the home defence.

Knutsford were given some respite when play was stopped for Lottie Beard, the Oswestry physio, to

RUGBY UNION by John Bridgwater

attend Luke Hassall with an injury, but the visitors were soon ahead after the restart.

The Eagles took a scrum off Knutsford on their 22-metre line, with scrum half with Hamish Fuller snapping at their defence.

With superb play from the backs and forwards, Fuller darted through a gap in the home defence to score an excellent try with Grogan converting for a 7-0 lead.

Grogan quickly added a penalty to increase the margin, but for the rest of the half Oswestry struggled to add to their tally despite their efforts against a hardy Knutsford who continued to find it difficult to get out of their own half.

After the break, the Eagles were looking to turn their supremacy into points, and another penalty chance saw Grogan provide three more points.

Now dominating play, Oswestry were rewarded with a second well worked team try following an excellent passage of play.

Captain Andy Smith led the way with a devastating pick up and drive through the Knutsford defence lines, then great interplay from Zac Baldwin and Luccett saw the ball offloaded to Mike Keaveny who burst through to provide winger Clay with the scoring pass, Grogan converting for a 20-0 lead.

Knutsford knew they had to get back into the game and went over for a converted score after pressing the men in red.

But the Eagles had the last word as they put Knutsford on the back foot again with some dominant forward play on the five metre line which saw Mike Davies touch down following a tremendous drive, with Grogan converting.

Despite just missing out on a bonus point, Oswestry are top of the Cheshire South league on points difference.

Returns from the golf clubs

HENLE PARK

Ladies' Sylvia's Salver: V Davies 39pts; S Sims 36pts (c/b); D Lawlor 36pts.

AM-AM Open: M Pugh-Jones, D Lawlor & J Johnson (Henle Park Golf Club) 78pts; J Moore, M Thorp & M Leach (Eaton Golf Club) 73pts; C Quirk, J Maiden & P Priestly 72pts.

Seniors' Individual Stableford Division 1: J Postle 42pts; M Morris 41pts; F Woolnough 36pts; Division 2: B MacKenzie 39pts; G Wood 37pts; G Cummings 36pts. Club Match played at home against Ascott and won 4.5 to 3.5.

AM-AM: P Alcock, F Elcock & K Smith (Market Drayton Golf Club) 79pts; S Campbell, T Gulliver & G Anderson 77pts; C Chare, A Elvin & D Broe (Henle Park) 75pts.

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Wilson Cup: A Lloyd 65 net; A Matthews 64 net; R Sherratt 65 net. Best Gross: D Griffiths 73.

Norman Radford Tankard (4BBB): S Jones and B Molard 60 net; N Edwards and A Don 61 net (bkg); R Jones and P Humphreys 61 net.

Parker Leighton Trophy (Mixed Greensomes): C and K Andrews 55 net; R and S McMahon 64 net; S & R Pritchard 64 net.

Burnah Trophy (Scratch-over 36 holes) Winner: T King. Runner Up: G Edwards.

Silver Moon (Handicap-over 36 holes) Winner: N Edwards. Runner Up: M Oakley.

Purcy Woods (Foursomes) Winners: M Smith & A Williams. Runners Up: T Hammett & D Phillips.

Lytham Trophy (Mixed Greensomes) Winners: C Broughall & T Beddows. Runners Up: C Wilkinson & A Lewis.

Dilys Jones Cup Winner: J Barlow. Runner Up: S Bonnell.

Vera Lloyd Salver (Foursomes) Winners: Lady Captain & J Howell. Runners Up: T Cook & A Evans.

Claire Jug (Ladies scratch) Winner: C Evans. Runner Up: A Westman.

Thonger Cup (Juniors) Winner: J Clewlow. Runner Up: T Westman.

Ladies Barnes Bowl Winner: S Ord 68 net. Runner Up: S Whiteoak 69 net.

September Medal Division 1: R Pritchard 69 net; S Ord 73 net; Division 2: S Pugh 72 net; V J Jones 73 net; Division 3: B Griffiths 77 net; J Barlow 79 net.

Thirlies Cup Winner: B Griffiths.

MILE END

Medal Division 1: J Finney 77-13-64; K Cawley 72-5-64; D Baulch 72-5-67 (c/b); S Probert 72-5-67; L Turner 70-1-69 (c/b); A Hall 74-5-69 (c/b); G Huggett 73-4-69 (c/b); Division 2: Ballard 82-14-66 (c/b); J Taylor 79-11-68; P Evans 81-11-70; M Hotherall 86-15-71 (c/b); K Osprey 84-13-71 (c/b); A Lewis 84-13-71. Division 3: P Wolstenholme 91-23-68; S France 89-18-71 (c/b); C Harrison 87-16-71 (c/b); R Matthews 90-19-71 (c/b); A Jones 89-18-71 (c/b); A Parry 88-16-72 (c/b).

Ladies' Texas Scramble: P Davies, C Pearce, J Kelsah, M Ratcliffe 46-6-61.3; J Jones, E Hopton, R Ogley, M Croghan 46-6-61.3; A Lewis 64-13-71. Division 3: P Wolstenholme 91-23-68; S France 89-18-71 (c/b); C Harrison 87-16-71 (c/b); R Matthews 90-19-71 (c/b); A Jones 89-18-71 (c/b); A Parry 88-16-72 (c/b).

Gitting Cup Medals: S Grogan-Wood 89-19-71; G Thornell 79-6-73 (c/b); M Brogden 94-21-73 (c/b); S Evans 93-18-73(c/b); J Jones 96-26-73 (c/b).

Extra Medal Stroke Play: S Grogan-Wood 89-19-71. Bronze Division: M Brogden 94-21-73. Upper Bronze Division: G Griffiths 103-30-73.

Helen Shaw Salver (Handicap): V Bradbeer 38pts; T Pearce 36pts; G Thornell 36pts (c/b); K Jones 36pts; M Alpts 33pts (c/b).



Eagles keen to claw out fifth victory

EARLY title challengers Oswestry will look to make it high fives when they take on struggling Linley at Granville Park in rugby's Cheshire South on Saturday (3pm).

The Eagles are flying high this season after a fourth straight win against Knutsford kept them joint top of the table – ironically with Warrington side Eagle.

Oswestry will fancy their chances of victory against a Linley side who have lost their last three games – one of them an 89-7 hammering at Manchester Medics – after winning their first outing of the season.

Hamish Fuller, Nick Clay and Mike Davies all scored tries for the Eagles last week, but the visitors missed out on a fourth touchdown that would have earned a bonus point.

Oswestry's second team, who were handed the points as Trafford Metrovicks pulled out of their division four south fixture, visit Linley II.

Welcome

The club's third team notched up their first win of the campaign in division five south with a close-fought 31-24 success over Helsby.

Across the border, COBRA's fortunes are looking up in the Swalec Welsh League division one (north) after they recorded a welcome 23-20 victory at Ab-ergele.

After tasting defeat in their first two outings of the season, the Meifod men stopped the rot with a hard-earned victory.

The win will put them in good heart for their first home outing which is against fourth-placed Caernarfon on Saturday.

WELSHPOOL, who bowed out of the Swalec Bowl with a 27-17 defeat at home to Denbigh last weekend, bid to get back to winning ways.

They return to duty in the Welsh League division three (north) with a home fixture against Holyhead on Saturday.

Villagers handed a tough Trophy draw

LLANRHAELADUR have landed a tough home tie with high-riding Chirk AAA in the third round of the FA of Wales Trophy.

After their early exit in the Welsh Cup this season, the villagers will be hoping to make amends when a lengthy run in the Trophy.

They booked their place with a 5-0 beating of local rivals Llansantffraid Village in the second round, but are certain to face a trickier tie against in-form Chirk who are unbeaten in the Welsh National League premier division. They have won six of their seven outings to share pole position, while scoring 33 goals and conceding just six.

Other third round ties: Penrhyn-coch v Llanerchymedd, Tywyn Bryn-crug v Pentraeth, Brymbo v Llandrindod Wells, Carno v Pen-y-cae, Corwen v Llangollen Town, Llandudno v Queens Park, Greenfield v Knighton Town.

Matches are to be played on Saturday, October 17.

SEVEN-UP TNS BACK ON SONG

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints manager Craig Harrison admits he faces some tough selection choices ahead of Friday's Welsh Premier clash with Bangor City after his side racked up seven goals in the Word Cup in midweek.

Five goals from Greg Draper saw the holders sweep aside in-form Holywell Town 7-1 in the second round of the league cup competition on Tuesday night, and Harrison has plenty to ponder.

"We made eight changes from the week before and, after the first 10 minutes when I felt we were a bit sloppy, everyone did really well for the 80 minutes after that," he said. "A lot of the players have put their hands up for Friday, and have given me a real headache. We've got such a strong squad that no-one can expect their place."

Pressing for a start is Draper who underlined his credentials with some excellent finishing against Cymru Alliance side Holywell, with the New Zealand striker likely to be included alongside fellow forward Mike Wilde on Friday night at Park Hall.

"For the last few weeks, I've been trying to get Greg in the team as he gives us more goals," added Harrison. "But as I said, a lot of players have given me problems, and Steve Evans did well at the back in his first competitive game back for two and a half years."

Option

"I'm really pleased for EVO as he has been through a lot after two achilles injuries, which are enough to finish anyone's career, but he has worked really hard to get back."

Draper himself hopes his midweek exploits will earn him the nod against Bangor, adding: "I want to be playing every week, and hopefully I've done enough to play on Friday, but it's not a given."

Another forward, Jamie Reed, who has completed his 28-day loan spell at Aberystwyth Town, will remain at Park Avenue, with the Saints having the option to recall the striker whenever needed.

The Saints, who are currently top of the Welsh Premier on goal difference, have a chance to open up a three point gap should they overcome Bangor on Friday night at Park Hall (7.45pm).

After four draws from seven outings, including last week's frustrating 0-0 deadlock with Bala Town, they will be desperate to get back to winning ways in the league.

"We're still unbeaten and top on goal difference, but we had enough chances to have won two games a Bala, let alone one," said Harrison.

The Saints, however, were back to their ruthless selves as they defeated Holywell Town 7-1 to progress to the last eight of the Word Cup.

The holders had trailed to Graeme Williams' strike in the 19th minute, but roared back with Draper netting either side of a goal from Alex Darlington to make it 3-1 at half time. Draper then scored three more times after the interval to take his tally to five, before sub Scott Quigley completed the scoring late on.

Elder statesman wins again



Golden oldie - Gittins Cup winner Mike Elder with some of the trophies he has won

MIKE Elder lived up to his name as he showed that age is no barrier by lifting Oswestry Golf Club's Gittins Cup.

The 82-year-old defeated fellow Oswestry club member Ralph Pell, who is almost 40 years his junior, in the final to take the trophy which has been played for annually at his home club since 1946.

The club veteran, who plays off a handicap of 22, progressed through six rounds to reach the final of the knockout competition where he prevailed in a closely fought affair. It is the second time he has won the cup.

After completing 36 holes of the final, there was nothing to separate the two players who finished all square, before a further nine holes saw Elder clinch the win by two holes against 11-handicapper Pell.

Elder has been a member at Oswestry for more than 70 years, having also won this trophy back in 1980.

Over the years, he has won more board competitions and trophies than any other member of the Shropshire club with his first win coming back in 1954 when just 21.

Cup respite after 7-0 thrashing

STUNNED Llanfair United look to shrug off a seven-goal mauling when they embark on the Welsh Cup trail with Saturday's tricky first round trip to Hawarden Rangers.

United crashed 7-0 at home to Mold Alex in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance last weekend, six of the goals coming in a disastrous first half. The result epitomised a fluctuating campaign for the league newcomers who have had a mix of terrific wins and heavy defeats.

Boss Rhys Stephens is backing his side to put that battering behind them, but knows they face a tricky trip to Hawarden who are joint top in the Welsh National League premier division.

"The cup is a nice distraction to have away from the league pressures, but we won't be underestimating Hawarden Rangers as we're expecting a really tough game," he said.

"If we can get through a few rounds, it will bring a bit of extra money into the club, and will give a buzz about the place, so we need to put last Saturday's game behind us."

"To be 6-0 down at half-time is not acceptable, we were poor, but sometimes you have to hold your hands up and say you were beaten by a very good side."

"From our point of view, the boys did not roll over in the second half, they showed some character and dug in."

"We know we're going to have good weeks and bad weeks, we just have to try and make sure we have more good weeks than bad."

GUILDSFIELD are another side looking to bounce back from a disappointing league loss when they host Anglesey side Glantraeth who are top of the table and unbeaten in the Lock Stock Welsh Alliance division one.

The Guilds will want to shake off last week's 4-0 reverse at home to Caernarfon Town in the Cymru Alliance, their second league reverse.

Although a potentially tricky tie, Danny Barton's side can take comfort from the fact they are at home.

Meanwhile, Guildsfield needed extra-time before progressing in the Montgomeryshire Cup 4-3 against Montgomery. Phil Turnbull fired a hat-trick and Mark Davies got the winner.

Hockey men are ready to go again

OSWESTRY aim to get their campaign off to a winning start in the West Midlands Hockey League division one when they play their first competitive game at Droitwich Spa on Saturday.

The border side will again hope to be among the leading contenders this term, keeping the bulk of last season's squad while introducing a couple of new additions.

After a lengthy summer break, they returned to action with a friendly against Ludlow last week, which they lost narrowly 4-3 as they gained much needed match practice.

Garth Kelshall scored twice, and last season's top scorer Jack Morgan got the other.

Oswestry Ladies suffer narrow defeat – see page 47

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